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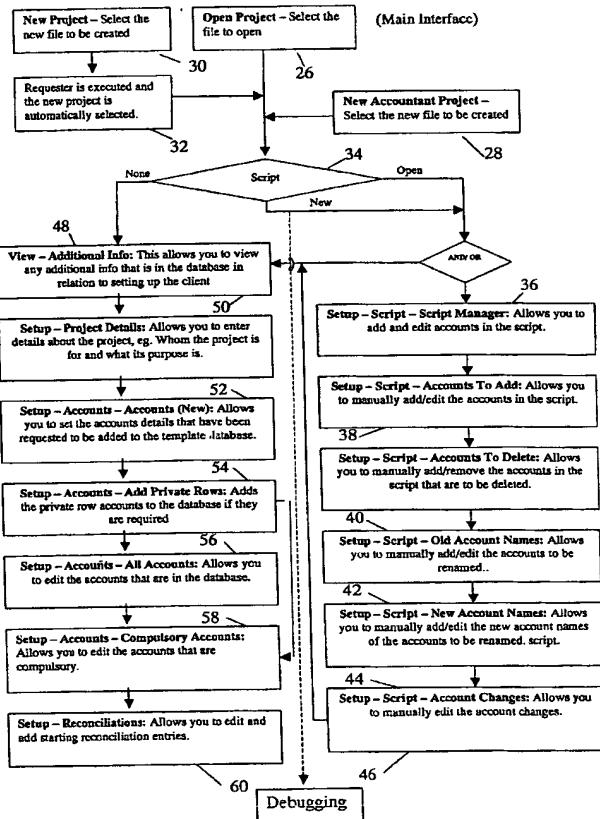
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(54) Title: AN ACCOUNTING SYSTEM



(57) Abstract: An accounting system with pre-configured client modules. Each of the modules has interface forms for entering transaction records, pre-assigned transaction category codes stored on a storage medium, code selectors for selecting a pre-assigned category code to associate with a transaction record, and a client chart of accounts for selection of a client predetermined account to which the transaction records are to be associated. Each account includes a pre-allocated unique account identification and a client prescribed account description. Each category code is pre-specified as a taxed or non-taxed, and as an expenditure or income transaction type. The system obtains information relevant to tax liabilities of the transaction records through prompts associated with each transaction category codes that have tax liabilities extracts the entered information for allocating tax liabilities of the transaction.



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AN ACCOUNTING SYSTEM
TECHNICAL FIELD OF THE INVENTION

THIS INVENTION relates to an accounting system for processing transactions.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

5 For many years, operators of small and medium enterprises (SME) have been performing manual bookkeeping work for transaction records. The books containing the transaction records are then given to the operators' accountants for preparing accounts statements and tax returns.

10 Recent changes in taxation law, especially the introduction of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) which requires businesses to collect GST in any transaction that attracts this tax and to submit periodic Business Activities Statements (BAS), have made manual bookkeeping tasks extremely complex. Consequently, SME operators, in general, have resorted to use a computerised accounting system to enter transaction records so that the records can be processed for generating reports for their 15 accountants and the tax authority.

20 To use the computerised accounting system effectively and to produce accounts reports that are acceptable to accountants and the tax authority, the operators not only have to learn basic computer skills, but also accounting terms and procedures employed in their accounting application software and taxation liabilities appropriate for 25 their businesses.

The application software must also be configured to suit accounting practices of individual SME operators. That means the operators must acquire the necessary knowledge in accounting practice and tax law in order to configure the application software to use the accounting procedures and tax liability options that suit their 25 businesses.

30 The application software is intended for general use and employs common accounting terms for transactions. Consequently, the SME operators can no longer use the transaction item descriptions they have adopted for their manual bookkeeping system. This represents a major disadvantage for most of the SME operators who now must spend time familiarising with new accounting terms that they are unfamiliar of. Transaction entry errors often occurs when using unfamiliar terms to enter transaction 35 records. The errors can be very difficult to trace and correct.

With the introduction of Goods and Services Tax (GST), the computerised accounting system has become more complicated for the SME operators as they must now act as collection agents for the GST. To set up the accounting system for

generating BAS, SME operators must configure the application software with appropriate tax liabilities of goods and services that attract GST and other taxes. These requirements place heavy burdens on SME operators. In addition, many of them do not have sufficient knowledge to determine which transaction items attract GST and which 5 do not. They also do not have the necessary knowledge to allocate transactions in order to correctly report the GST, Pay As You Go (PAYG) Withholding and PAYG Installments in the BAS.

Periodically, the entered transaction records need to be reconciled with bank 10 records. The reconciliation process is not generally understood by SME operators, and is time consuming.

The known computerised accounting system is for processing accounts reports only. It would be desirable to use information obtainable from transaction records to perform management related functions.

OBJECT OF THE INVENTION

15 It is an object of the present invention to alleviate or to reduce to a certain level one or more of the aforementioned prior art disadvantages.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

In one aspect therefore the present invention resides in an accounting system including at least one client module for use by a client. The at least one client module 20 has transaction entry means for entering transaction records, pre-assigned transaction category codes being stored on a storage medium, means for selecting a pre-assigned category code to associate with a transaction record to be entered through the transaction entry means, and a client chart of accounts for selection of an account to which the transaction record is to be associated, the accounts being predetermined by 25 the client or in accordance with accounts of at least one trading type prenominated by the client. Each of said accounts include a pre-allocated unique account identification and an account description which is prescribed by the client or generally adopted by traders in said at least one trading type, and each of said category codes is pre-specified as a taxed or non-taxed, and as an expenditure or income transaction type.

30 In another aspect therefore the present invention resides in an accounting system including at least one client module for use by a client. The at least one client module has transaction entry means for entering transaction records, and means for obtaining information relevant to tax liabilities of the transaction records. Said information obtaining means has one or more prompts associated with each of a plurality 35 transaction category codes that have tax liabilities, and is arranged to present the associated one or more prompts for entering information relevant to tax liabilities

when one of said category code is nominated for a transaction to be entered, and to extract the entered information for allocating tax liabilities of the transaction.

Preferably, said one or more prompts are in the form of one or more leading questions for the client to enter said relevant tax liability information in a designated location(s), and the at least one client module is arranged to extract the entered information at said designated location(s) and apply a tax liability determination procedure which is specific for the or each extracted information from said designated location(s).

It is preferred that the at least one client module has report generating means arranged to access the entered transaction records for generating accounting reports. 10 More preferably, the report generating means includes a report selection arrangement for selecting any one of a number of accounting reports for generation.

In preference, at least one of said taxed category codes is pre-allocated to taxation segments for a taxation report, being one of the accounting reports. More 15 preferably, said taxation report is a Business Activity Statement (BAS) that complies with the Goods and Services Tax (GST). Where a taxed category code having a variable taxation allocation is entered, it is preferred that a window with appropriate prompts for specifying amounts to be allocated is presented entering the amounts.

Said at least one trading type may include trading activities involving the 20 provision of goods and/or services relating to any class of business. Examples of the business classes are accountancy, hardware retail and wholesale, electrical goods and repair services, plumbing supplies and services, health care goods and services, mechanical repair services, transportation goods, etc.

It is further preferred that the category codes include a category for wages and 25 the wage category is associated with a wage account in said client chart of accounts. Accordingly, the system according to the present invention also functions as payroll package.

The system may have storage means for storing the transaction records and is arranged for accessing bank statement records over a communications network. The 30 at least one client module may have reconciliation means for reconciling said stored transaction records with the bank statement records.

Preferably, the system includes at least one adviser module having report generating means being arranged to access transaction records transferred from the at least one client module for generating accounting reports and management reports.

More preferably, the report generating means includes a report selection arrangement for selecting any one of a number of accounting and management reports for generation.

The system may also include an administration module for administering said at least one client module, and the administration module and the at least one client module are arranged for communication over a communications network. The administration module has a master chart of accounts from which the client chart of accounts is extracted, and chart generating means for generating said master chart of accounts in accordance with a user's determination. It is preferred that the client chart of accounts is locked so that the account identifications and the account descriptions therein can not be altered.

It is further preferred that the administration module has a transaction code generating means for generating the transaction codes as specified by the user.

The system may have a number of client modules in communication with the administration module. Each of the client modules has a unique client reference and is adapted to transfer sales orders and/or purchase orders through the administration module. Each of said sales orders and/or purchase orders including a client reference of a purchasing client module and a client reference of a supplier client module. The administration module may have a coordination unit arranged to use the client references to transfer a purchase order from the purchasing client module to the supplier client module and to transfer a subsequently received invoice from the supplier client module to the purchasing client module. It is preferred that payment of the invoice is also transfer through the administration module so that the coordination unit has a record that the invoice has been settled.

Accordingly, the system of the present invention can store transaction information between suppliers and purchasers. The coordination unit can thus be arranged to automate purchase orders when stocks for transactions are below predetermined levels.

Preferably, the or each said client module is associated with an adviser module which is also arranged to be in communication with the administration module so that the transaction records of the associated client(s) can be accessed remotely.

The at least one client module may be a cash book module or an accrual module or a combined cash book and accrual module, or a payroll module or a point of sale module, or any combination of two or more of said modules.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

In order that the present invention can be readily understood and put into practical effect the description will hereinafter refer to the accompanying drawings which illustrate non limiting embodiments of the present invention and wherein:

5 Figure 1 is a schematic diagram showing an embodiment of the accounting system according to the present invention;

Figures 2A and 2B are flow diagrams showing steps in configuring a cashbook module for the system of Figure 1;

10 Figures 3A and 3B schematically show the procedure in locating client databases in the system of Figure 1;

Figures 4 to 4B are interface forms for entering payment and receipt; Figure 4C shows an example of a transaction table with transaction information entered in the interface forms shown in Figures 4 to 4B;

15 Figures 5 to 5C are flow diagrams of steps in creating a client module ; Figures 5D to 5Q are interface forms for creating and maintaining client modules;

Figure 5R is report listing available headers for accounts;

Figure 5S is a report of selected accounts;

Figure 6 shows operational steps in creating and maintaining accounts files;

20 Figure 6A shows the operational steps of the script manager;

Figures 6B to 6F are some interfaces for the steps shown in Figure 6;

Figure 7 shows the client verification procedure in the client module;

25 Figure 7B is a flow diagram of steps in the Payment Entry and Receipt Entry options;

Figure 7C shows examples of the procedures for prompting the user to provide information for the Receipt Entry option;

Figure 7D shows examples of the procedures for prompting the user to provide information for the Payment Entry option;

30 Figures 7E and 7F show the steps in accounts reconciliation;

Figure 8A is an interface form for receipt entry;

Figure 8B is an interface form for payment entry;

Figures 8C to 8S are interface forms with prompts for entering information for Receipt Entry and Payment Entry, and for accounts reconciliation;

Figures 8T to 8Y are some examples of reports that are available;

35 Figure 9A is an example of the main interface for the general ledger;

Figure 9B is a flow diagram of options available in the general ledger;

Figure 9C shows the steps in processing GST components to the general ledger;

Figures 9D to 9F are examples of some of the general ledger reports;

5 Figure 10 is a flow diagram showing steps for online transfer of a purchaser order and a supplier invoice through the administration module;

Figure 10A shows steps in a standard cost process;

Figure 10B is an overview of an embodiment of an accounts accrual system;

Figures 10C to 10F show procedures for the debtor related operations of the accrual system;

10 Figure 10 G shows the procedure for a purchase order;

Figure 10H shows a procedure for credit payment;

Figures 10I to 10N show the procedures for an extended point of sale system.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Referring to the drawings and initially to Figure 1 there is shown an accounting system 10 according to an embodiment of the present invention. The system 10 has a number of client modules 12 operating on computers, a number of advisor modules 13, and an administration module 14 operating on a server computer system 14 which may be arranged as shown in Figure 33. The server system 14 and an administrator unit 16 are connected in a local area network. The client module 12 is connected to the server system 14 through the World Wide Web including the Internet 18. As can be seen some of the advisor module 13 can be formed of a group of networked computers.

The adviser modules 13 can access the server system 14 to transfer information to the server system 14 for configuring the client module 12 and to retrieve transaction information of the associated client module 12.

25 Typically, each of the client modules 12 include a cashbook module, and the advisor module 13 of a client module 12 is managed by a professional accountant who advises the accounting procedures and tax liability options that are appropriate to the client. Each of the advisor modules 13 would also be provided with account descriptions that the client is familiar with. To request the administration module 14 to 30 configure or edit a client module 12, the accountant can use the adviser module 13 to transfer the client's account requirements to the administration module 14. The information provided to set up the master chart of accounts would include any private percentage to be applied to an account and if so which ledger account the private portions are to be allocated. The accountant would also advise the following where 35 applicable:

- Cash or Accrual BAS reporting
- Small food retailer percentage
- Predominant Long Term Commercial Accommodation
- New Motor Vehicles purchased before 23 May 2001
- 5 Hire purchase start before 1 July 2000
- Hire purchase new motor vehicle before 23 May 2001
- Particulars of predetermined GST status (eg Property lease)
- Bank reconciliation
- 10 The account requirements provided by the accountant are used to set up a master chart of accounts for the client. From the master chart of accounts, the accounts for use by the client are identified for generating a user chart of accounts.

If the client does not use an accountant he/she can either provide the required information for configuring a user chart of accounts or simply nominate a trading type of his/her business activities and the administration module 14 would automatically 15 configure a default user chart of accounts based the known account configurations of most businesses in the same trading type.

Figure 2A shows the flow of information between a client who wishes to 20 configure a client module 12, an advisor (accountant in this case) module 13 and the administration module 16. As can be seen, the client and the accountant exchange information regarding the client's account requirements and the accountant accordingly uses a journal maintenance unit 20 to create a general journal for this client. In this respect, the client can provide his/her own descriptions of accounts that are familiar to him/her by using the requester 22 and/or scripter 24.

The accountant then uses a requester unit 22 of the advisor module 13 to select 25 the appropriate accounts from a master chart of account to be configured for a client chart of accounts having the account descriptions that are familiar to the client. The administration module 14 on receiving the request from the account creates a client database for the client chart of accounts and configures a client module 12 using the client chart of accounts having the account descriptions that are familiar to the client. 30 Accordingly, when delivered the client can simply install and use the client module 12 without the labourious and error prone tasks of configuring the client module 12 and determining tax liabilities of the accounts. The client module 12 is also set up to communicate with the administration module 14 over a communications network such as the World Wide Web (WWW) 18.

35 The client module 12 has a scripter unit 24 for initiating a request to edit the description of any account in the client chart of accounts. The request to edit is either

transferred directly to the administration module 14 (where an advisor module 13 is not linked to a client module 12) or to the advisor module 13 for registering at the advisor module 13 before forwarding to the administration module 14 for editing the account.

5 In Figure 2B, the client module 12, the advisor module and the administration module 14 are arranged to communicate over a communications network including the WWW 18 so that the administration module 14 is directly responsive to any request from the client module 12 or the advisor module 13.

10 Figure 3A shows the procedure for a client module 12 to locate the server computer of the administration module 14 where its accounts records are stored. The system 10 uses a communications service which allows its networked modules 12 and 13 to make remote procedure calls (RPC) to the server computer of the administration module 14. Uses of the RPC may include enumerating Users and Databases, and accessing other information not available via the client database, including information from the administration module 14 and/or the administration 15 database. In addition, RPC allows potentially sensitive database or other operations onto the server and away from the client modules 12 and the advisor modules 13, such that sensitive information is never sent over the network.

20 RPC uses HTTP or HTTP over SSL for communication and uses an obscure port for its Server endpoint. Clients can determine the address and port of this endpoint by using DNS SRV (Service Location) lookups for _eclatrpc._tcp.eclat.net.au.

To locate its accounts records on the administration module 14, a client module 12 do the followings:

1. Enter the client module name (for Example, Barry's Big Bins might be barrysbigbins). This will be referred to as the IDB Name.
- 25 2. Append The IDB Name to system Domain Name. (ie barrysbigbins.eclat.net.au. This will be referred to as an IDB DNS Name.
3. Using RFC, the system 10 attempts to determine a list of possible servers to connect to. In particular, a record such as _database._tcp.barrysbigbins.eclat.net.au should return 1 or more Address Records specifying valid Accounting Servers, as 30 shown in Figure 3A.
4. The client can then select and connect to a Database Server to access its records using the IDB Name.

At this point, the client module 12 has all the information required to make a connection to the administration module 14 to locate its accounts records.

35 The client can make a connection to the server of the administration module 14 in the following way:

5. The client retrieves the Hostnames, IP Addresses, and Ports of Suitable Servers (This information is returned from DNS SRV Queries – Above)
6. Check weighting and priority from the SRV reply. Select the server with the lowest Priority and Weighting. If multiple servers are returned with the same Priority and
- 5 Weighting (ie a Cluster) randomly select one of these records. If only one record is returned we must use it.
7. The client makes a suitable connection to an IP Address/Port pair.
8. Once the connection is established, the client MUST authenticate using their SYSTEM credentials.

10 An advisor module 13 such as that of an account may have permission to control 1 or more Client Databases. As a consequence, the module 13 should enumerate all databases to which they have access, and allow the account to select a particular database.

15 The following set of procedure steps describes how the account can enumerate the client databases:

1. Using RFC and the DNS Name: _eclatrpc._tcp.eclat.net.au, a list of potential RPC Servers can be found.
2. Client randomly selects 1 server from the list of RPC Servers. This selection may be prioritized or weighted.
- 20 3. Client Makes a request to an RPC server (ie /_eclat_bin/catalogList/?)
4. RPC Backend Server processes the request and builds a response
5. Client receives the response, and can now process or parse the response, as shown in Figure 3B.

25	Each client module 12 a transaction database with the following transaction fields:																																		
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	<i>Field</i>	<i>Description</i>
	Source Payment	The source accounts description
	Reference	Extra information on the payment method
	Receipt To	What module does the payment / receipt go to
	Receipt Details	Extra information about the receipt
5	Locked	Has this transaction been reconciled?
	Accounting Method	Which module does the transaction belong to?
	Overwrite	(reserved for later use)
	Bank Branch	The branch number for the bank account
	Bank Department	The department number for the bank account
10	Branch	The branch number for the destination account
	Department	The department number for the destination account
	Entry Date	The date of the transaction
	Age	How old is the transaction?
	Period	Which period (financial month) does the transaction belong?
15	Type	Is this a payment, a receipt or a general journal entry
	Amount	What was the amount of the row for
	Description	The destination accounts description
	Amount Withheld	The amount that was withheld
	Interest	The amount of interest
20	Principal	The amount of principal
	Stamp Duty	The amount of stamp duty
	Voluntary Agreement	The amount that was due to a voluntary agreement
	Instalment Amount	The instalment amount
	GST Amount	The amount of GST
25	Items Sold	The amount that was due to items sold
	GST Paid	The amount of GST that was paid
	Pre 28	The amount that was attained before 28/5/2000
	TFN Amount Withheld	The amount withheld from the tax file number
	AW Amount Withheld	(reserved)
30	Margin Amount	The margin amount for this account
	Capital	The amount of capital gains tax
	Taxed Other	The amount of taxed other
	Input Taxed	The amount of input tax
	Input Tax Sales	The amount of input tax due to sales
35	No GST	The amount of no GST
	Private	The amount that was private
	Non GST Reportable	The amount that is NON GST Reportable
	GST	The amount of GST
	GST Suspense	The amount of GST in suspense
40	Wage Clearing	The amount of PAYG Withholding
	Wage Clearing (2)	The amount of other withholdings
	ABN Withhold	The amount withholding from the ABN
	GL Amount	The general ledger amount
	Export Supply	The export supply amount
45	GST Free	The GST free amount
	GST Pre	The amount of pre GST
	Tax Supply	The amount of tax supply
	Instalment Income	The amount of instalment income
	Account ID	The destination account ID
50	Account Header ID	The destination account header ID
	Outstanding	Is the row outstanding?
	Tran Code	What was the Code of the destination account?
	Private Use Only	Is this row a sub row that is used for GST balancing purposes
	Suspense Moved	Has the suspense been moved to NON GST reportable

Each client module 12 also has a client chart of accounts with the following accounts fields:

	<i>Field</i>	<i>Description</i>
5	Branch	The branch number for this account
	Department	The department number for this account
	COY	The company number (reserved)
10	Account ID	The account id of this account in the form of XXXX.XXXX
	Account Description	A 40 character description for the account
	Debit/Credit	Is this account a DEBIT or CREDIT account
15	Post	Is this account a posting account
	End Of Year	This field determines what is done with the data after the financial year
	Comments	Any comments for this account
	GST Split	The private portion percentage for this account
	Group ID	The entity ID that this account belongs to (0 = all)
20	SP Status	Is this account a bank account
	Retention	The retention account ID
	Code	The E or I code that applies to this account
	Extended Code	An extended code for miscellaneous account options i.e. CA = Capital
25	Open Status	Is this account an open status account
	Credit Total	The opening credit on this account
	Debit Total	The opening debit on this account
	Saved Total	Used to temporarily store current balances for each account
	Must Select	This field is 1 if this account must be selected when its entity is selected
	Selected	Is this account selected for use
30	Taxed Acquisition %	The taxed acquisition percentage that applies to this account
	Source	Is this account identified as a source account in requester
	New Account ID	If this account is a new account from requester what is its ID

The system 10 uses account category codes for identifying transaction categories. In this embodiment, the following category codes are employed.

	<i>Code</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Type</i>
35	E01	General	Expense
	E02	Wages	Expense
	E03	Non-Reportable	Expense
	E04	GST Paid Up Front	Expense
	E05	Included Stamp Duty	Expense
	E06	Loan	Expense
40	E07	Hire Purchase – [ACCRUALS]	Expense
	E08	Hire Purchase – [CASH]	Expense
	E09	Motor Vehicle Registrations	Expense
	E10	GST Free	Expense
	E11	Voluntary Agreement	Expense
	E12	Input Taxed	Expense
45	E13	Private NON Deductible	Expense
	E14	Airfare Tax	Expense
	E15	Taxed Acquisition	Expense
	E16	(reserved)	Expense
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	I07	Pre 1/7/2000	Income
5	I08	GST Free	Income
	I09	Long-term Accommodation	Income
	I10	Predominately LTCA	Income
	I11	Margin Scheme	Income
	I12	TFN Withholding	Income
10	I13	(reserved)	Income
	I14	GST Suspense	Income
	I15	LTCA Input Taxed	Income
	I16	Cost of Goods Sold	Income
	I17	(reserved)	Income
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	I19	(reserved)	Income
	I20	(reserved)	Income

Shown below are examples of some accounts in a master chart of accounts
20 and a client chart of accounts for a butcher:

Master chart for accounts for Sales trade

	<i>Account ID</i>	<i>Acc Descript</i>	<i>Description</i>
	1100.0000	Sales	Header
25	1100.1000	Sale of goods to customers	General with Instalment Income
	1100.1001	Sales to Australian customers	General with Instalment Income
	1100.2000	Sale second hand goods	Tax Supply with Cost of Good Sold
	1100.2001	Sale of new goods	General with Instalment Income
	1100.2002	Sale 2nd hand goods costing over \$300	Tax Supply with Cost of Good Sold
30	1100.2003	Sale 2nd hand goods costing under \$300	Tax Supply with Instalment Income
	1100.2004	Sale 2nd hand goods from global pool	GST Suspense with Instalment Income
	1100.3000	Sale of goods on consignment	General with Instalment Income
	1100.3001	Sale of new goods on consignment	General with Instalment Income
	1100.3002	Sale 2nd hand goods on consignment	Tax Supply with Cost of Goods Sold
35	1100.4000	Small food retailer sales	Small Food Retailer with Instalment Income
	1100.4001	Sale of pet food	Tax Supply
	1100.4003	Sale of fresh meat	GST Free

Client chart of accounts for a Butcher – Sales Trade

	<i>Account ID</i>	<i>Acc Descript</i>	<i>Description</i>
40	1100.0000	Sales	Header
	1100.4001	Sale of pet food	Tax Supply
	1100.4003	Sale of fresh meat	GST Free

45 Figure 4 shows an example of using a client's description of an account (Insurance general in this case) for an E05 category code transaction. When the first row in the Amount field is selected, the client module 12 retrieves and shows details of

the relevant transaction as shown in Figure 4A. Figure 4B shows the details of the Amount in the second row.

Each client module 12 applies an appropriate tax formula to calculate tax liabilities of a transaction. The following table lists some of the tax formulae:

	<i>Field</i>	<i>Formula</i>
5	GST	GSTFromInclusive(CalcExPerc(btsdTaxedAcq.Value, GSTSplit), GSTMargin)
	TaxedOther	CalcExPerc(btsdTaxedAcq.Value, GSTSplit)
	No GST	CalcExPerc(btsdGSTFree.Value, GSTSplit)
	Private	CalcPerc(btsdTaxedAcq.Value, GSTSplit) + CalcPerc(btsdGSTFree.Value, GSTSplit) + CalcPerc(btsdStampduty.Value, GSTSplit),
10	GL Amount	iOrigAmount - (CalcPerc(btsdTaxedAcq.Value, GSTSplit) + CalcPerc(btsdGSTFree.Value, GSTSplit) + CalcPerc(btsdStampduty.Value, GSTSplit))
	Non GST Reportable	btsdStampDuty.Value

Each client module 12 is arranged to generate transaction reports of selected transactions. Using the Figure 4 transactions, the module 12 can generate a report as 15 shown in Figure 4C.

Figure 5 shows the steps applied in the requester unit 22 for creating a client database of a client module 12 using the relevant fields as shown below.

General Client Information

	<i>Field</i>	<i>Description</i>
20	Full Name	Full Name of Client
	Trading Name	Trading Name of Client
	Address	Clients Address
	Phone Number	Clients Phone Number
25	ABN	ABN of related business
	Licence Type	This option allows the Accountant to select which version of the program they wish to use, they have the option of Multi Users or Single User. This option determines whether or not they are allowed to have multiple users using their database at a time
	Reporting Method	Reporting method for client, two option Cash or Accruals
	Year	The financial year that this database is intended for

30 AS Variables

	<i>Field</i>	<i>Description</i>
	Company / Fund Deferred Value	ATO provided figure for the client
	PAYG Commissioner Rate	ATO determined instalment rate
	Fringe Benefit tax instalment value	Accountant determined fixed fringe benefit amount
35	GST Free Rate	Small business GST Free concession

Modules to Include In Package

	<i>Field</i>	<i>Description</i>
40	Cashbook (base system)	General Cashbook / General Ledger system – this must be included
	Accruals	Accrual accounting system including inventory
	Achievement Model	Business management model

	<i>Field</i>	<i>Description</i>
	Assets	Resource Management
	Budget	Financial Forecasting
	Manufacturing Process	Standard and Variance Analysis
5	Point Of Sale	Point of Sale Incorporating both Retail and Wholesale
	Provisions	Accrued Expenses
	Payroll / Personnel System	Personnel Management

Step 3 Fields

Entity Components

	<i>Field</i>	<i>Description</i>
10	Club or Association	(self explanatory)
	Company	(self explanatory)
	Consolidation Adjustment	(self explanatory)
	Manufacturing Account	Includes accounts used for manufacturing purposes
15	Partnership	(self explanatory)
	Sole Trader	(self explanatory)
	Superannuation Fund	(self explanatory)
	Trading Account	Includes accounts used for trading purposes
	Trust Discretionary	(self explanatory)
20	Trust Unit	(self explanatory)

Partner Fields

	<i>Field</i>	<i>Description</i>
25	ID	A unique identifier for the partner, this field is automatically
	User Name	A user name for this partner
	Name	The full name of this partner
	Share	The shared percentage of profits that this partner is distributed
	Comments	Any comments associated with this partner

30 Step 6 Fields (Section 1)

Reconciliation Details

	<i>Field</i>	<i>Description</i>
	Account	Selected bank accounts for this reconciliation entry
	Description	Type of item
35	Amount	The amount for the reconciliation entry
	Reference	Reference point for this reconciliation entry

Step 9 Fields (Submission)

Email Settings

	<i>Field</i>	<i>Description</i>
40	Username	The clients Username for their SMTP server authentication
	Password	The clients password for their SMTP server authentication
	SMTP	The clients SMTP server for their ISP
	SMTP Port	The clients SMTP port number for their ISP
45	Email Address	The clients full reply email address

Appendix E – Account Editing Fields

Account Editing Fields

	<i>Field</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Editable</i>
5	Branch	The branch number for which this account belongs	No
	Department	The department number for which this account belongs	No
	Account ID	The account ID number of this account	No
	Acc Descript	The description that the client will see for this account	Yes
	Private %	The private portion allocated to other accounts – double click the row to change this field	Yes
10	Comments	Any comments associated with this account	Yes

Step 6 Fields (Section 2)

New Account Details – Header Information

	<i>Field</i>	<i>Description</i>
15	Type	The type of the new account from the list
	Name	A descriptive name for the new account
	Header Account	The header account for which this new account should belong
	Debit	The opening debit amount on the account ¹
20	Credit	The opening credit amount on the account ²

New Account Details – Private Portions

	<i>Field</i>	<i>Description</i>
25	Description	A description for the reason of the private percentage
	Percentage	The percentage that should be allocated to the destination account
	Destination Account	The destination account for which this private portion should be allocated

Account Setup Fields

Account Selection Fields

	<i>Field</i>	<i>Description</i>
30	Setup	Has this account been set up yet, the user cannot submit until all accounts have been set up.
	Branch	The branch number of this account
	Department	The department number of this account
	Account ID	The account id for this account
35	Description	The name of this account
	Account Type	The type of set up that is required for this account

Account Codes Used In Setup Form

	<i>Field</i>	<i>Description</i>
40	E07	Hire Purchase (Accruals)
	E08	Hire Purchase (Cash)
	E03	Non Reportable Expense

<i>Field</i>	<i>Description</i>
I15	Predominant LTCA (Input Taxed)
I10	Predominant LTCA (5.5%)

5 The steps of the requester unit 22 are described in more details in Figures 5A to 5Q. Figure 5R shows parts of an example of the Available Accounts report, and Figure 5S shows parts of an example of the Selected Accounts report.

10 Figure 6 shows the steps taken by the administration module 14 in creating and maintaining client databases, and in responding to the requests from the requester unit 22. The administration module 14 thus provides the option of opening an existing client database for viewing or maintaining through step 26, the option for a registered advisor (accountant) to create new client modules and to maintain client account databases through step 28, and the option of creating a new client module 12 in responding to a request from the requester unit 22 though steps 30 and 32. In all options, a script step 15 34 is entered in which the administration module 14 will perform the tasks of opening the existing accounts file named in the step 26, or to create a new client accounts file as requested by the requester unit 22 in the steps 30 and 32.

20 When creating a new client accounts file, the administration module 14 checks for whether accounts details for the new file are provided in the request and if not, whether there is a specified trading type in the request. If accounts details are present, the module 14 extracts the relevant information from the provided accounts details for incorporation into the new file. If the accounts details have not been provided and there is a specified trading type, the module 14 selects default accounts details for the trading type for incorporation into the new file. Where neither accounts details nor a trading type are provide, the module 14 prompts the requester for the required information.

25 A script maintenance step 36 is entered for performing accounts file maintenance tasks as illustrated in Figure 6A. Any of the following accounts fields can be added, edited or deleted as illustrated in steps 38 to 46.

Account Fields

30	<i>Field</i>	<i>Description</i>
	Branch	The branch ID number for which this account belongs
	Department	The department ID number for which this account belongs
	COY	The company number for this account (reserved)
	Account ID	The account identification number, the sub account number of this number will default to XXXX, clicking the (...) button inside this field will allocate it with the next available number for that header account.
35	Acc Descript	A short (1-40 chars) description of the account
	DR_CR	This field should be DEBIT or CREDIT
	Post	Does this account get included in the financial reports

	<i>Field</i>	<i>Description</i>
	EOY	There are four options for this field: RETAIN – Will carry the closing balance to the Retention account at the end of the financial year HOLD – This account will hold its closing balance at the end of the financial year ZERO – This account must have a balance of 0 at the end of the financial year, eg. Don't Know Or Not Listed accounts CLEAR – This account will automatically clear its balance at the end of the financial year
5	Comments	Any comments relevant to this account
	GST Split	The Private Portion for this account expressed as a percentage
	Group ID	What entity this account belongs to, see Appendix C
	SP Status	Is this account a source account
	Retention	The account where the closing balance is to be retained. See EOY above
	Code	A code which determines how the information is stored for the transaction that occur when this account is used as a destination account, see Appendix D for a complete listing.
10	Code Ex	A code which determines any extended properties of this account, see Appendix E for a complete listing.
	Open Status	Does this account require an opening balance
	CR Total	Opening credits on this account
	DR Total	Opening debits on this account
	Saved Total	This field is used internally for reports to store a temporary balance for the account
	Must Select	Does this account have to be included if its relevant entity is included as part of the project
15	Selected	Is this account selected to be included in the project
	TA Percentage	This stores the Taxed Acquisition Percentage
	Source	Determines if the account CAN be a source account, i.e. should it be listed in requester as part of the source account listing
	Acc ID	A number that determines a unique identifier for this NEW account

Setup - Account Changes Fields

	<i>Field</i>	<i>Description</i>
20	New Account Name	The new account name for this accounts
In step 48, additional information that is relevant to an account detail is presented in order to alert the user of the appropriate detail to be entered. Figure 6D shows examples of the additional information.		
25	In step 50, the interface as shown in Figure 6B is used to enter client details for the client module. Below are some of the client details:	

30 Owner Details Section

	<i>Field</i>	<i>Description</i>
35	Username	The clients user name
	Company	The clients company name
	Phone	The clients phone number
	Password	The administration password for the database
	Serial Number	This generated field is the code needed to install
	E-Mail	The clients e-mail

Company Details

	<i>Field</i>	<i>Description</i>
	Full Name	The full name of the clients company
5	Trading Name	The trading name of the clients company
	Address	The address of the clients company
	ABN	The ABN of the clients company
	GST Percentage	The GST percentage for the clients business
	Residency Rate	The long term commercial accommodation rate for the clients business
10	Accountant Version	This option is checked if the database is for an accountant
	Template Version	The major version number of the database
	Template Sub Version	The minor version number of the database

Accountant Details

	<i>Field</i>	<i>Description</i>
15	E-Mail	The E-Mail address for the accountant to which this client belongs
	Trading Name	The trading name for the accountant to which this client belongs
	Phone	The phone number for the accountant to which this client belongs
	Server Host Name	The name of the server for the live version (Phase 2)
	IP Address	The IP Address of the server for the live version (Phase 2)
20	Server Logon Name	The initial logon name for the live server (Phase 2)
	Server Logon Passy	The initial logon password for the live server (Phase 2)
	Server Port	The port to use when connecting to the server (Phase 2)
	Server Version	The minimum version number of the server that the database expects
	Update OBs	This option should be checked if the opening balances need to be updated when the project is first opened in ECLAT

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The step 52 allows the accountant to set up a new client module 12 and to add the account details to a template database, and any of the account details can be declared private and edited as illustrated in steps 54 to 58.

The step 60 is for maintaining reconciliation entries as shown below:

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Reconciliation – Main Entry

	<i>Field</i>	<i>Description</i>
	Recon ID	An automatically filled field which represents the ID number for this reconciliation
		The company number for this reconciliation (reserved)
35	Recon Start	The starting date for the reconciliation
	Recon End	The ending date for the reconciliation
	Recon Acc Name	The account for which this reconciliation is for
	Closing CR Balance	The closing credit balance for the reconciliation
	Closing DR Balance	The closing debit balance for the reconciliation
40	OS Balance	The amount outstanding
	Opening Balance	Opening balance
	Closing Balance	Closing balance
	Ledger Balance	Ledger balance

45 Reconciliation – Sub Entry

	<i>Field</i>	<i>Description</i>
	Payment	Amount of the payment
	Receipt	Amount of the receipt
	Date	Date of the balance

Field	Description
Reference	Reference information
OS	Hidden Field – Is this entry outstanding
Entry ID	A unique identifier for this entry

5 The group identification field in the account fields may be any of the followings:

Group IDs

	ID	Description
10	0	Always included
	1	Club or Association
	2	Company
	3	Consolidation Adjustment
	4	Manufacturing Account
	5	Partnership
15	6	Sole Trader
	7	Superannuation Fund
	8	Trading Account
	9	Trust Discretionary
	10	Trust Unit

20 The accounts codes has the following extensions identified as the "Code Ex" field in the accounts fields:

Account Codes

	Code	Description
25	CA	Indicates whether the transactions for this account will be capital on the business activity statement
	CG	Cost of Goods Sold
	II	Indicates whether the transactions for this account will be instalment income on the business activity statement
	NA	There is no extended functionality for this account
	OB	Opening Balance (Private/Journal Use)
30	OI	Performs the same functionality as NA

A debugging process is used to debug and test the client module 12 before packaging for delivery to the client.

When the client receives the new client module 12 it can be installed on his computer and the module 12 is ready for use without the usual need to set up accounts and to allocate tax liabilities that is common in the prior art. Moreover, he needs not to learn new accounting terms as the account descriptions are the ones he is familiar with.

When the client module 12 such as a cash book module is set to operate, the module 12 performs a security check with the steps as shown in Figure 7A unless the security check procedure is disabled for this client. If the client is allow to continue, a main interface is presented for selection of any one of the operation options. For examples, the "Receipt Entry" and "Payment Entry" options when selected would present the interfaces as shown respectively in Figures 8A and 8B. The module 12 can

be operated in either a client mode or an accountant (advisor) mode. If the client mode is operating, When operating in the client mode the module 12 opens a local accounts database file for use and checks for opening balance update flag for performing the update operation when this flag is checked.

5 Figure 7B shows the operational steps for both the "Payment Entry" or the "Receipt Entry" options as respectively shown in Figures 8A and 8B. When in the "Receipt Entry" operation, a set of prompts appear such as the ones shown in Figure 8C for the client to provide appropriate information for calculating tax liabilities of the transaction. Figure 7C shows the steps for some of the prompts. Note that all the codes for the prompts are based on the I codes of the accounts codes. Embodiments of the receipt prompts are as follows:

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Receipt Questions

15 **Amount withheld for failing to provide ABN (Figure 8D)**

Field	Description
Will a compliant Tax Invoice be Provided ?	Check box asking if a tax invoice will be provided, if it is provided you do not need to specify the Amount Withheld
Amount Withheld	Entry field for the amount which was withheld
Invoice Total	This is the total of the transaction

Amount withheld for failing to provide a Tax File Number (Figure 8E)

Field	Description
TFN Withholding?	Entry field for the amount which is withholding to your TFN
Total	This is the total ledger amount of the transaction

Tax Information (Figure 8E)

Field	Description
How much is taxable supply?	Entry field for the amount which is taxable supply
How much is PRE 1/7/2000?	Entry field for the amount which is pre 1/7/2000
How much is export supply?	Entry field for the amount which is export supply
How much is GST Free supply?	Entry field for the amount which is GST free supply
How much is input taxed?	Entry field for the amount which is input taxed
Amt Withheld for failing to provide ABN?	Entry field for the amount for failing to provide an ABN
Calculated Total	This is the total of all other entry fields
Original Total	This is the total of the transaction

Long-term Commercial Accommodation (Figure 8F)

Field	Description
How much from guests who have stayed less than 28 days?	Entry field for the amount which was from guests who have stayed less than 28 days
Original Total	This is the total of the transaction

Figure 7D shows some of the prompts for the "Payment Entry" operation and an example of the interface for the payment prompts is illustrated in Figure 8G. Note that all the codes for the payment prompts are based on the E codes of the accounts codes. Embodiments of the payment prompts are as follows:

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Pay Questions

Amount Withheld (Figure 8H)

	<i>Field</i>	<i>Description</i>
10	What is the amount withheld?	This is where the user types in the amount withheld
	Calculated Total	This is the total of the transaction

Vehicle Details (Figure 8I)

	<i>Field</i>	<i>Description</i>
15	How much is third party?	This is where the user types in the amount that was for third party
	How much is registration?	This is where the user types in the amount that was for registration
	Calculated Total	This is the total of the transaction

Payment Including Stamp Duty (Figure 8J)

	<i>Field</i>	<i>Description</i>
20	How much is stamp duty?	Entry field for the amount paid that was stamp duty
	How much is Taxed Acquisition?	Entry field for the amount paid that was taxed acquisition
	How much is GST Free?	Entry field for the amount paid that was GST free
	Calculated Total	This is the total of the transaction

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Airfare Expenses (Figure 8K)

	<i>Field</i>	<i>Description</i>
30	How much is airfare tax?	Entry field for the amount paid that was airfare
	How much is Taxed Acquisition?	Entry field for the amount paid that was taxed acquisition
	How much is GST Free?	Entry field for the amount paid that was GST free
	Calculated Total	This is the total of the transaction

Taxed Acquisition (Figure 8L)

	<i>Field</i>	<i>Description</i>
35	How much is Taxed Acquisition?	Entry field for the amount paid that was taxed acquisition
	How much is Non Taxed Acquisition	Entry field for the amount paid that was non taxed acquisition
	How much is PRE 1/7/2000?	Entry field for the amount paid that was before 1/7/2000
	How much is other?	Entry field for the amount paid that does not belong in any other fields
40	Original Amount	This shows the entire amount for the current item
	Calculated Total	This is the total of the transaction

Loan Details (Figure 8M)

	<i>Field</i>	<i>Description</i>
45	How much is interest?	Entry field for the amount paid that was interest
	How much is principal?	Entry field for the amount paid that was principal

<i>Field</i>	<i>Description</i>
How much is stamp duty?	Entry field for the amount paid that was stamp duty
Calculated Total	This is the total of the transaction

Hire Purchase Details (Figure 8N)

<i>Field</i>	<i>Description</i>
How much is interest?	Entry field for the amount paid that was interest
How much is principal?	Entry field for the amount paid that was principal
How much is stamp duty?	Entry field for the amount paid that was stamp duty
Calculated Total	This is the total of the transaction

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Gross Wage (Figure 8HO)

<i>Field</i>	<i>Description</i>
What is the amount of tax withheld?	Entry field for the amount paid that was tax withheld
What is the amount of other withholdings?	Entry field for the amount paid that was other withholdings
Calculated Total	This is the total of the transaction

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Voluntary Agreement (Figure 8P)

<i>Field</i>	<i>Description</i>
How max tax withheld?	Entry field for the amount paid that was tax withheld
Calculated Total	This is the total of the transaction

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Instalment with all GST Paid up Front (Figure 8Q)

<i>Field</i>	<i>Description</i>
How much is stamp duty?	Entry field for the amount paid that was stamp duty
How much is GST?	Entry field for the amount of GST on the transaction
Instalment amount?	Entry field for the instalment amount
Calculated Total	This is the total of the transaction

Referring now to Figure 8R which shows an interface for the bank reconciliation operation. The steps for the reconciliation operation are shown in Figures 7E and Figure 7F.

The client module 12 has a report operation wherein the client can select any of a number of reports to be displayed or printed. Figure 8S shows an embodiment of an interface for configuring the module 12 to display a report for payments. As can be seen, the client can select a source account and nominates the period of weeks for the report. Where applicable, the report can be limited to payment transaction activities of a department or branch. Figure 8T is an example showing parts of the payment report. Other examples are Figure 8U for a Pay As You Go (PAYG) report, Figure 8V for a Summary report, Figure 8W for a GST audit report, Figure 8X for a BAS statement report and Figure 8Y for an accounts balance report.

The system 10 has a general ledger unit 20 for each advisor accountant module 13. The ledger unit 20 has a main interface as shown in Figure 9A. The

operational steps of the ledger main interface are shown in Figure 9B. The main interface has a journal edit option for the accountant to edit a selected journal entry as shown in steps 80 and 82. A journal report option in step 84 allows details of the journal entries to be reported as shown in Figure 9D. Figure 9E shows a GST audit report 5 generated by selecting the step 86 option. Account opening balance reports as shown in Figure 9E are produced through step 88. A delete function 90 is provided for deleting the current journal entry.

Figure 10 shows an embodiment of the system 10 where the administration module 14 is also a transaction coordinator, and is arranged to transfer purchase orders 10 from client modules 12 of clients wishing to place orders for products to be supplied from known suppliers who are also using the client modules 12 for transactions. The suppliers on receiving the purchase orders convert them to sales orders and then take steps to obtain the ordered products from warehouses or to place production orders. Delivery and transportation are then arranged for delivery of the products. Invoices are 15 also generated and transferred to the coordinator 14. When the clients ordering the products have finally received them, they will flag that to the coordinator 14 and to add the products to inventory. In time, remittances would be sent to the accrual coordinator 14 for making payments to the suppliers.

Figure 10A shows a standard cost process which is used by the client 20 (cashbook) modules 12 of the system 10 shown in figure 10 for checking variances between standard costs and actual costs of products.

Figure 10 B is an overview flow diagram of an accrual arrangement of the system 10. As can be seen, a user can select any of the operations connected with a customer list, an inventory, reports and transactions. When the transactions operation 25 is selected, the client modules 12 can perform operations relating to debtors invoice generating, credit note generating and payments. Transaction balance is also calculated by adjustments thereof.

Figure 10C shows the operational steps for the invoice generating operation for ordered products. The invoice generating operation on receiving a "create Invoice" 30 selection displays an interface from which a customer for invoicing can be selected. The products ordered by this customer are then selected from a product list with their unit price. Any discount arrangement for this customer is also retrieved. The module 12 then extracts GST payable for the products and determines the delivery address from the customer list. If the ordered products are for an overseas destination, GST is not applied. The general ledger is then updated with the net sale value and where 35

applicable allocated with the discount and the GST. Costs of sale are then posted to the general ledger and the inventory before saving the invoiced values to the module 12.

Figure 10D shows the steps of an debtor payment operation.

Figure 10E shows the steps of a debtor credit note operation. The steps include 5 selecting and displaying the invoice for making adjustment, updating the inventory if the product is returned, and adjusting prices and quantity. The general ledger is also adjusted in respect of costs of sale, GST and net sale value. For overseas destinations, the export orders are reallocated. If the goods are for local delivery then the GST is readjusted before outputting a debit note.

10 Figure 10F shows the steps in a debtor sales order operation. This operation allows an operator to select a customer making the order and to select the products and quantity thereof for delivery by a specified method and date. The system checks for availability of the ordered products. If available, a products pick list is created followed by a delivery docket for dispatch. If the ordered products are not available then a back 15 order is created .

Figure 10G shows the steps of a purchase order operation.

Figure 10H shows the steps of a creditor payment operation.

Figure 10I shows an embodiment of the system 10 arranged for use as an extended point of sale. As can be seen the system 10 has some client module 12 functioning as customers and some functioning as suppliers. When a customer module 20 12 is used to make a purchase, the client selects products for the order as shown in Figure 10G. The customer module processes the selected products to build a purchase order with the customer's global identifier created as shown by the steps in Figure 10L. The purchase order is sent to the administration module 14 for processing as 25 shown in Figure 10J. The module 14 extracts relevant information from the purchase order and forwards the order to the supplier module 12 identified in the order. The supplier module 12 on receiving the order converts it into a sales order and processes it as shown in Figure 10F. A tax invoice is then raised and sent to the administration module 14. The invoice includes the supplier's global identity.

30 The administration module 14 extracts relevant details from the invoice and locate the customer module 12 for sending it to the customer. See Figure 10K.

When the customer module 12 receives the invoice, it performs a checking step for a match with the purchase order. GST details of the purchased products are extracted from a product list for updating the general ledger.

As shown in Figure 10M, any of the supplier modules 12 can build a product availability list and send it to the administration module 14 for processing it in a manner for access by the customer modules 12 as shown in Figure 10N.

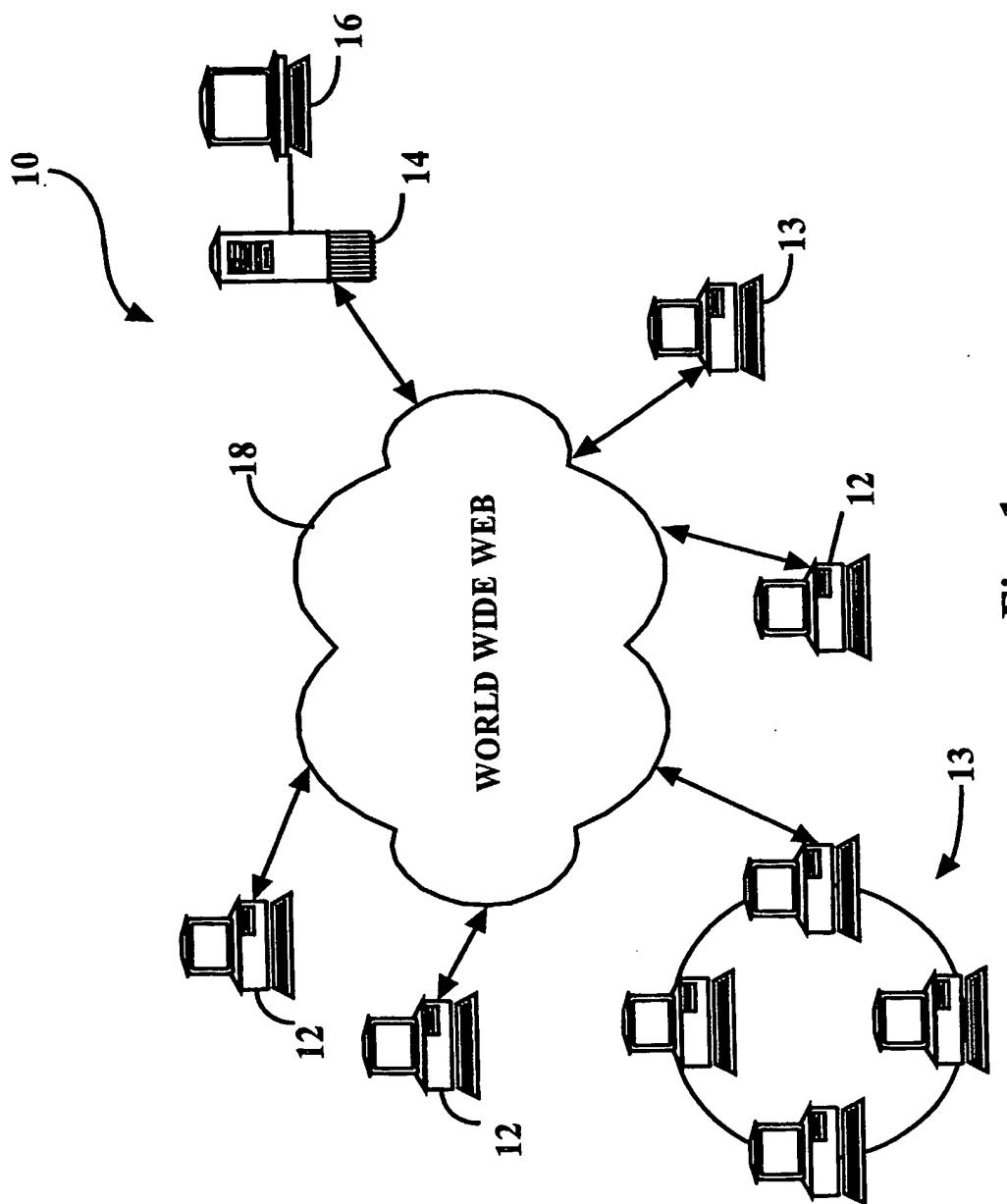
Whilst the above has been given by way of illustrative example of the present invention many variations and modifications thereto will be apparent to those skilled in the art without departing from the broad ambit and scope of the invention as herein set forth in the following claims.

CLAIMS

1. An accounting system including at least one client module for use by a client, the at least one client module having transaction entry means for entering transaction records, pre-assigned transaction category codes being stored on a storage medium, 5 means for selecting a pre-assigned category code to associate with a transaction record to be entered through the transaction entry means, and a client chart of accounts for selection of an account to which the transaction record is to be associated, the accounts being predetermined by the client or in accordance with accounts of at least one trading type pre-nominated by the client, each of said accounts including a pre-allocated unique 10 account identification and an account description which is prescribed by the client or generally adopted by traders in said at least one trading type, and each of said category codes being pre-specified as a taxed or non-taxed, and as an expenditure or income transaction type.
2. The invention according to claim 1 wherein said at least one trading type include 15 trading activities involving the provision of goods and/or services relating to any class of business.
3. An accounting system including at least one client module for use by a client, the at least one client module having transaction entry means for entering transaction records, and means for obtaining information relevant to tax liabilities of the transaction 20 records, said information obtaining means having one or more prompts associated with each of a plurality transaction category codes that have tax liabilities, and being arranged to present the associated one or more prompts for entering information relevant to tax liabilities when one of said category code is nominated for a transaction to be entered, and to extract the entered information for allocating tax liabilities of the 25 transaction.
4. The invention according to claim 3 wherein said one or more prompts are in the form of one or more leading questions for prompting the client to enter said relevant tax liability information in a designated location(s), and the at least one client module being arranged to extract the entered information at said designated location(s) and apply a 30 tax liability determination procedure which is specific for the or each extracted information from said designated location(s).
5. The invention according to any one of claims 1 to 4 wherein the at least one client module having report generating means arranged to access the entered transaction records for generating accounting reports.

6. The invention according to claim 5 wherein the report generating means including a report selection arrangement for selecting any one of a number of accounting reports for generation.
7. The invention according to claim 5 or 6 wherein at least one of said taxed category codes is pre-allocated to taxation segments for a taxation report, being one of the accounting reports.
8. The invention according to claim 7 wherein said taxation report is a Business Activity Statement (BAS) that complies with the Goods and Services Tax (GST).
9. The invention according to any one of claims 1 to 8 wherein where a taxed category code having a variable taxation allocation is entered, a window with appropriate prompts for specifying amounts to be allocated is presented for entering the amounts.
10. The invention according to claim 9 wherein the category code is associated with a wage account in said client chart of accounts.
11. The invention according to any one of claims 1 to 10 further having storage means for storing the transaction records and is arranged for accessing bank statement records over a communications network.
12. The invention according to claim 11 wherein the at least one client module having reconciliation means for reconciling said stored transaction records with the bank statement records.
13. The invention according to any one of claims 1 to 12 further including at least one adviser module having report generating means being arranged to access transaction records transferred from the at least one client module for generating accounting reports and management reports.
14. The invention according to claim 13 wherein the report generating means including a report selection arrangement for selecting any one of a number of accounting and management reports for generation.
15. The invention according to any one of claims 1 to 15 further including an administration module for administering said at least one client module, and the administration module and the at least one client module are arranged for communication over a communications network, the administration module having a master chart of accounts from which the client chart of accounts is extracted, and chart generating means for generating said master chart of accounts in accordance with a user's determination.

16. The invention according to claim 15 wherein the client chart of accounts is locked so that the account identifications and the account descriptions therein can not be altered by the user.
17. The invention according to claim 15 or 16 wherein the administration module having a transaction code generating means for generating the transaction codes as specified by the user.
18. The invention according to any one of claims 15 to 17 further having a number of client modules in communication with the administration module, each of the client modules having a unique client reference and is adapted to transfer sales orders and/or purchase orders through the administration module, each of said sales orders and/or purchase orders including a client reference of a purchasing client module and a client reference of a supplier client module.
19. The invention according to claim 18 wherein the administration module having a coordination unit arranged to use the client references to transfer a purchase order from the purchasing client module to the supplier client module and to transfer a subsequently received invoice from the supplier client module to the purchasing client module.
20. The invention according to claim 19 wherein payment of the invoice is transfer through the administration module so that the coordination unit has a record that the invoice has been settled.
21. The invention according to claim 20 wherein storage means being arranged to store transaction information between suppliers and purchasers, and the coordination unit being arranged to automate purchase orders when stocks for transactions are below predetermined levels.
22. The invention according to any one of claims 18 to 21 wherein the or each said client module is associated with said at least one adviser module which is also arranged to be in communication with the administration module so that the transaction records of the associated client(s) can be accessed remotely.
23. The invention according to any one of claims 1 to 22 wherein the at least one client module is a cash book module or an accrual module or a combined cash book and accrual module, or a payroll module or a point of sale module, or any combination of two or more of said modules.



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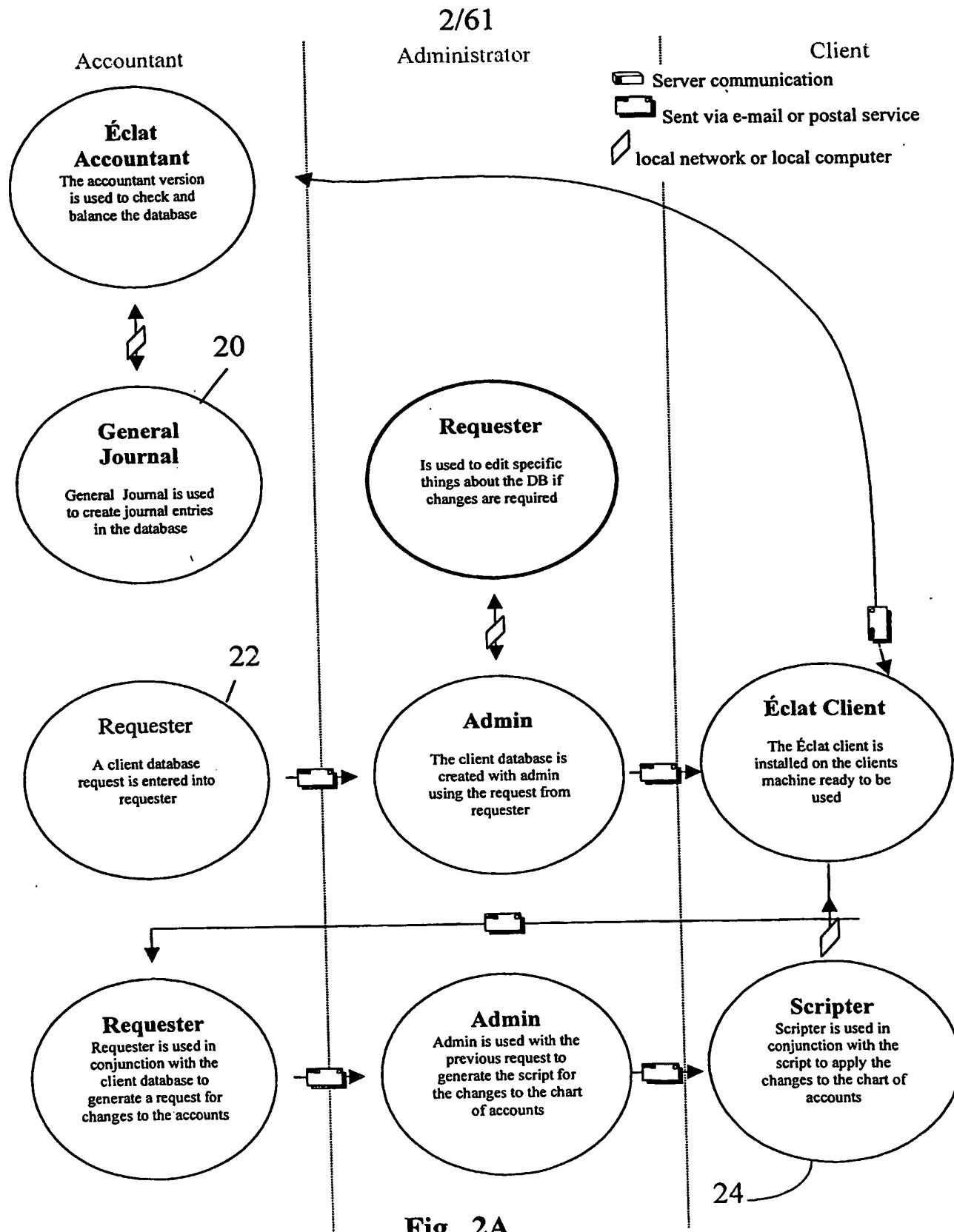


Fig. 2A

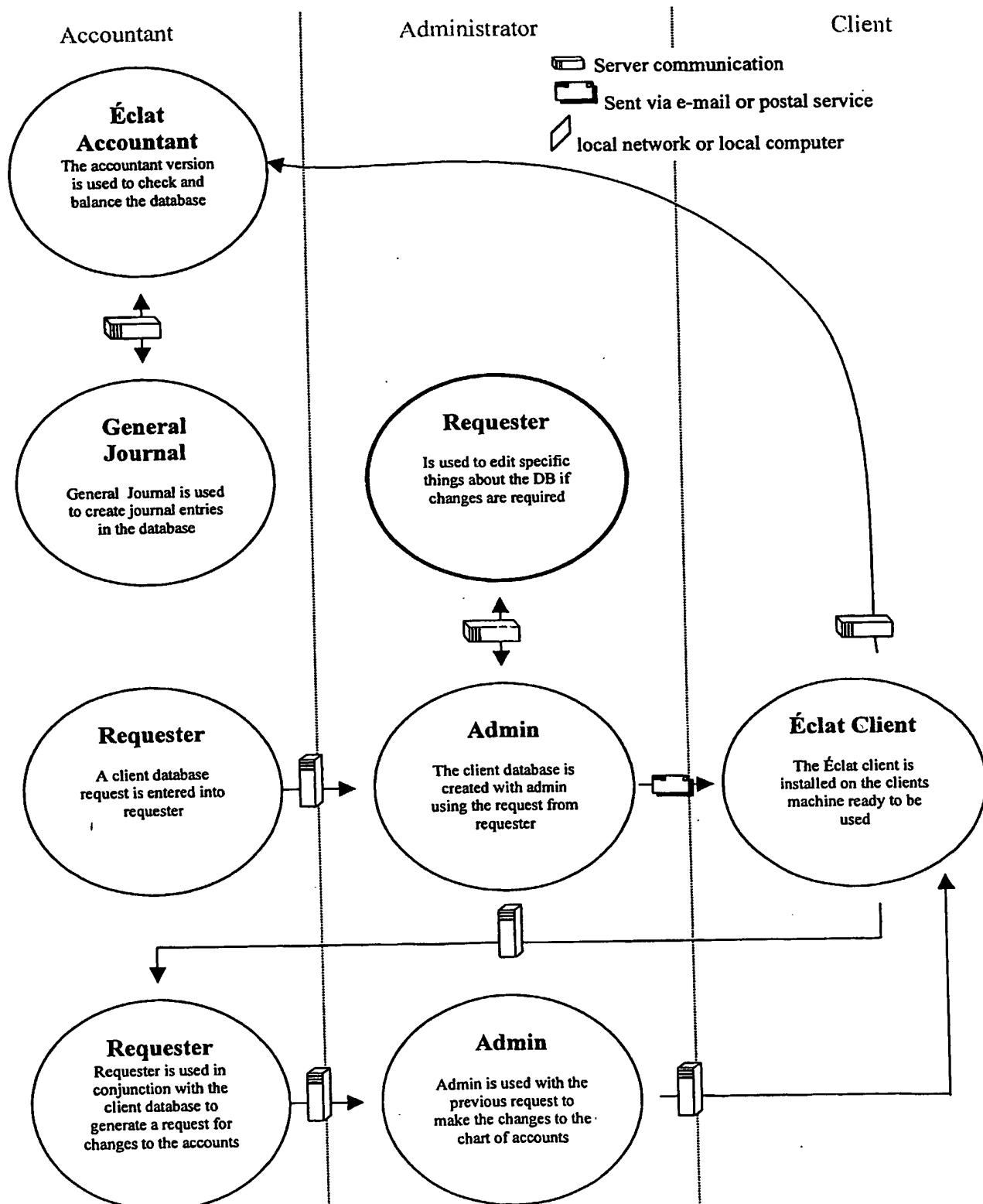


Fig. 2B
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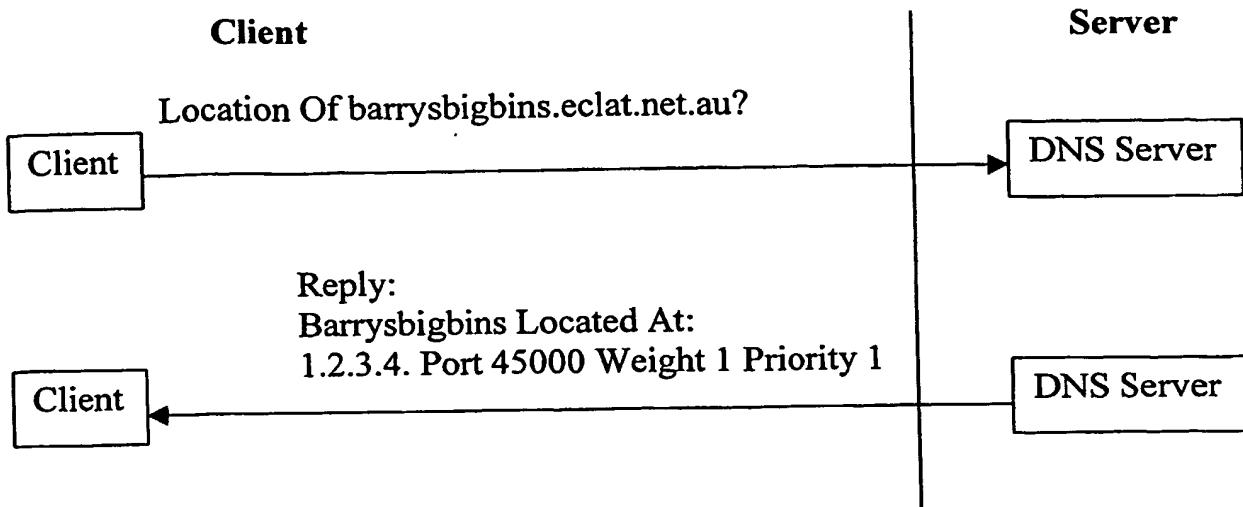
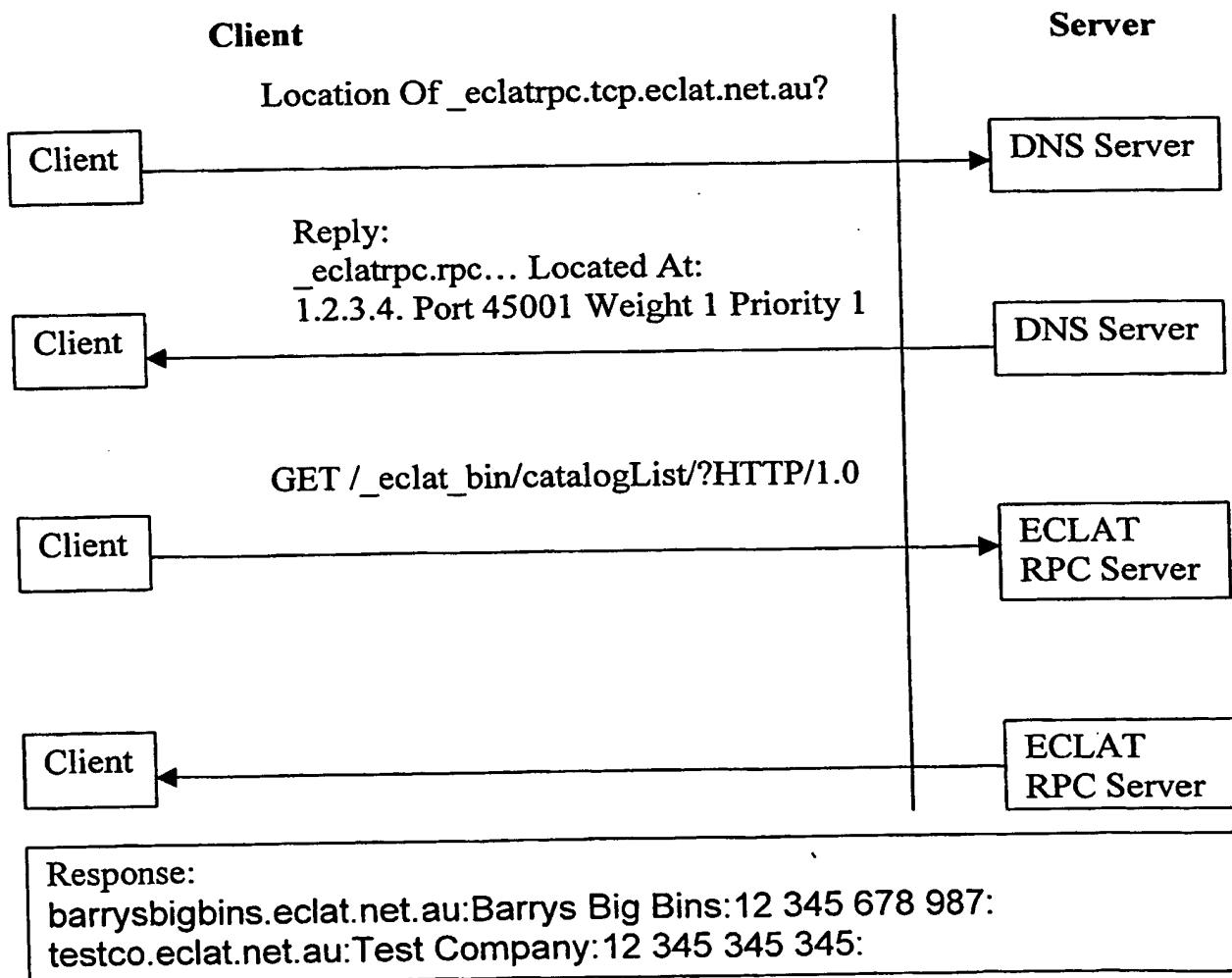


Fig. 3A

Fig. 3B
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Payment and Receipt Entry Form

Payment Entry Receipt Entry

Source of Payment: [1/2/6001.1000]

Source Branch:

Source Department:

Date Reference:	<input type="text" value="01/09/2002"/>	Name of Payee:	<input type="text" value="Insurer"/>
Type of Payment:	<input type="text" value="Cash"/>	Payment Details:	<input type="text" value="-"/>
Link To:	<input type="text" value="Payee Name/Details"/>	Payments Total:	<input type="text" value="\$35.00"/>

Store Payment Transaction

REQUIRE ID: DATE:

AMOUNT	Payment Description	BR	DEP
\$20.00	Insurance general	1	1
\$15.00	Insurance general	1	1

Fig. 4

Fig. 6E

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Required Questions for the payment of \$20.00

Required Details - Select which applies to this payment

Payment is supported by a GST Inclusive Tax Invoice?
 Does GST apply to all of the Acquisition?
 To pay a PPE 17/3000?
 Payment for a Taxed Acquisition?
 Value of Acquisition less than \$50.00???
 Have you or will you request a compliant Tax Invoice?
 Has an amount been withheld from this to obtain ABN?
 Has an amount been withheld for failure to obtain ABN?

Confirm Details Cancel

Payment including Stamp Duty

How much is Stamp Duty	\$5.00
How much is Taxed Acquisition	\$11.00
How much is GST Free	\$4.00
Calculated Total	\$20.00

Status: System Operational with no problems detected!

Fig. 4A

Required Questions for the payment of \$15.00

Required Details - Select which applies to this payment

Payment is supported by a GST Inclusive Tax Invoice?
 Does GST apply to all of the Acquisition?
 To pay a PPE 17/3000?
 Payment for a Taxed Acquisition?
 Value of Acquisition less than \$50.00???
 Have you or will you request a compliant Tax Invoice?
 Has an amount been withheld from this to obtain ABN?
 Has an amount been withheld for failure to obtain ABN?

Confirm Details Cancel

Payment including Stamp Duty

How much is Stamp Duty	\$4.00
How much is Taxed Acquisition	\$9.00
How much is GST Free	\$2.00
Calculated Total	\$15.00

Status: System Operational with no problems detected!

Fig. 4B

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The resulting data in the transaction table:

Bank/BR	Bank/DEP	Branch	Debit/credit	Entry date	Period	Mode	Amount	Description	Fixed GST	Non-GST	Non-GST	GST
1	2	1	1	101-Sep-02	3 PAYMENT	\$20.00	Insurance general	\$11.00	\$4.00	\$5.00	\$1.00	
1	2	1	1	101-Sep-02	3 PAYMENT	\$1.00	GST Paid	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
1	2	1	1	101-Sep-02	3 PAYMENT	\$15.00	Insurance general	\$9.00	\$2.00	\$4.00	\$0.81	
1	2	1	1	101-Sep-02	3 PAYMENT	\$0.81	GST Paid	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	

Customer Account Header					
Customer Account Header					
\$19.00	2860.7000	2860.0000	Y	E05	0
\$1.00	7025.0002	7025.0000	N	NA	1
\$14.19	2860.7000	2860.0000	Y	E05	0
\$0.81	7025.0002	7025.0000	N	NA	1

Fig. 4C

(Main Interface)

Step 1 – Fields for this step are entered using interface from Fig. 5D.

Step 2 – Branches and departments are entered using the interface from Fig. 5E

Step 3 – The different components of the company are selected using the interface from Fig. 5F, if the company has a partnership, the partners are entered here as well, refer to Step 3 fields

Step 4 – The bank accounts that are to be included in the package are now selected, Fig. 5G, you can edit also edit accounts from this step.

Step 5 – The accounts that are to be included in the package are now selected, Fig. 5H, you can also edit accounts from this step. Two reports are available. See Fig. 5R & 5S

Step 6 – This section includes reconciliation data, new account details, and account set-up details

Step 7 – Opening bank account balances are put into this step by entering amounts into the Debit and Credit fields, refer to Fig. 5L for interface.

See Flowchart 5A for the account editing interface.

This is where the accountant enters the reconciliation details, see Step 6 fields.

See Fig. 5B for the new account interface.

See Fig. 5C for the accounts set-up interface.

Step 8 – Additional notes are entered into this step, these notes can be any notes that the DB Administrator may require to set up the client. Refer to Fig. 5M.

Step 9 – The database is submitted in this step, in phase 2 of the implementation this will not need to be done. Refer to Step 9 fields and Fig. 5N.

The accountant now waits for the request to be processed by the DB Administrator

Fig. 5

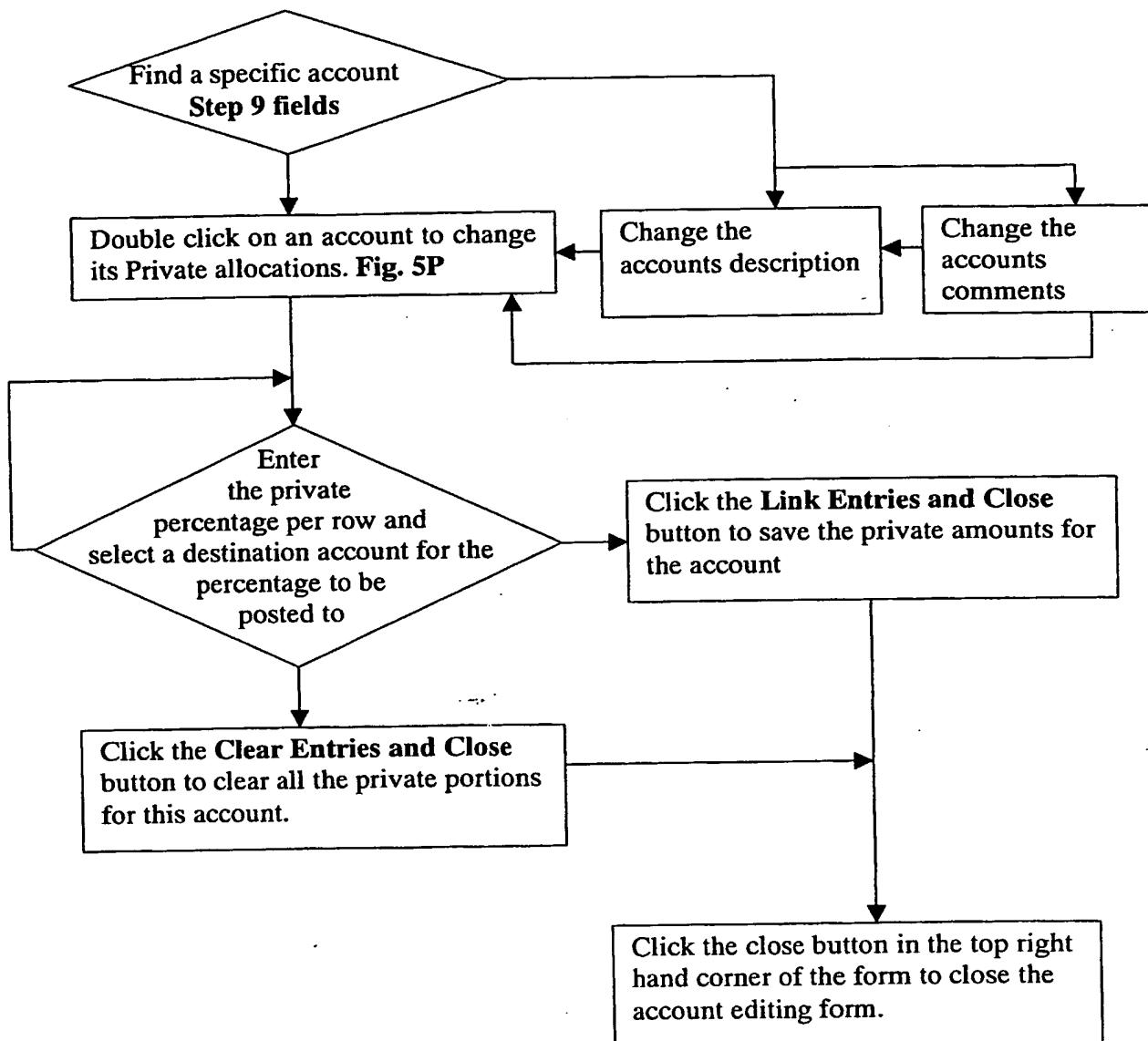
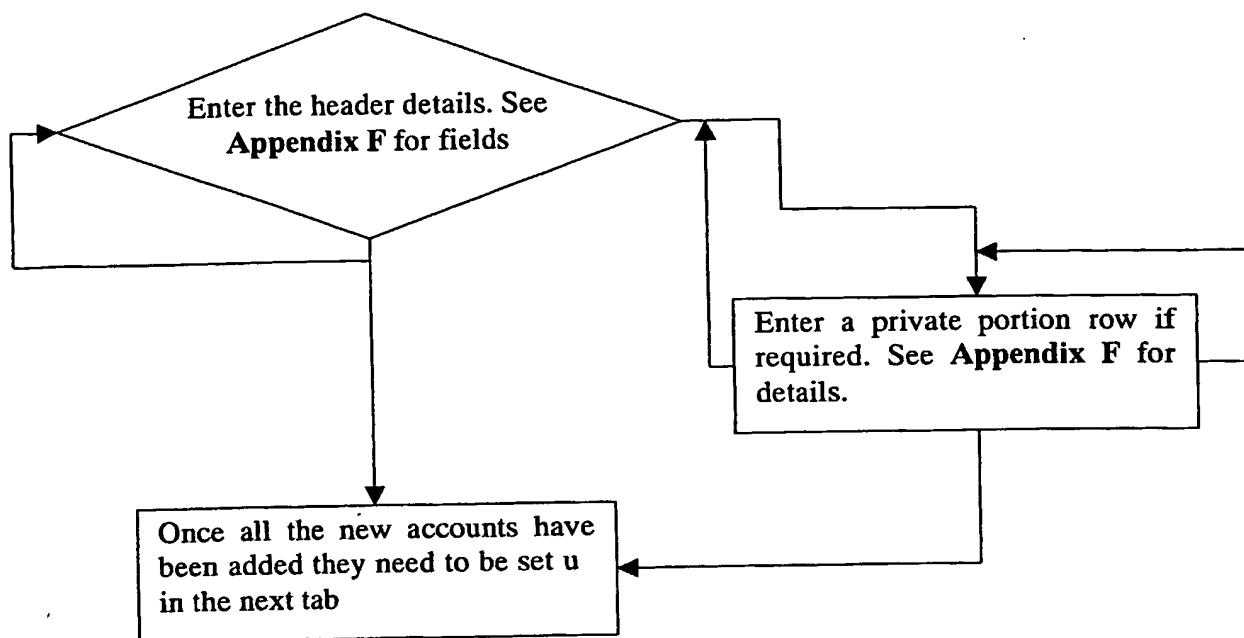


Fig. 5A

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(New Account Interface)

**Fig. 5B**

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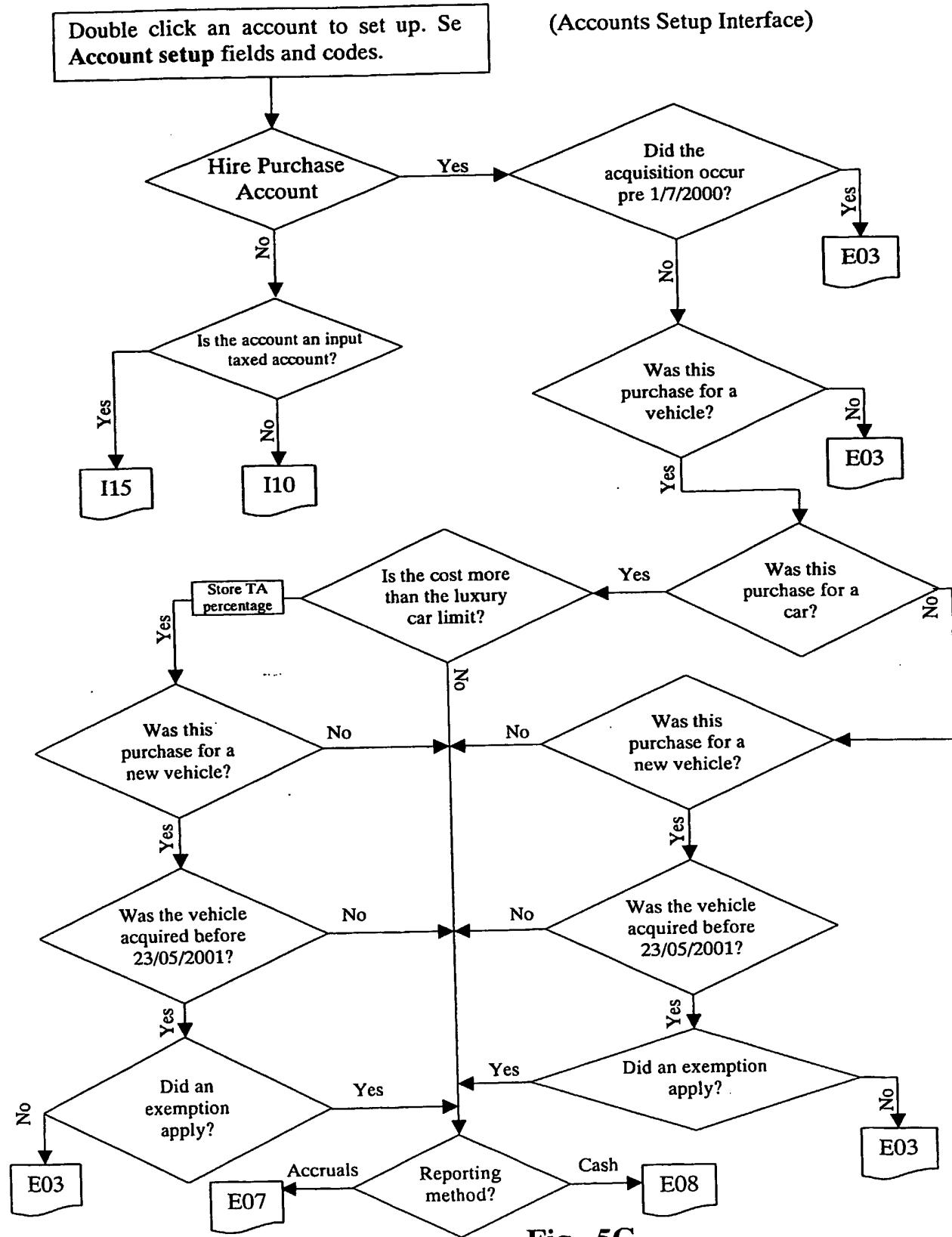


Fig. 5C

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Step 1 (General Information)

Client Package Request

Operations Help

Bank Accounts (Step #4) Accounts Selections (Step #5) Questionnaire (Step #6)
 Opening Balances (Step #7) Additional Notes (Step #8) Submission (Step #9)
 General Information (Step #11) Branches & Departments (Step #2) Client Entity (Step #3)

General Client Information

Client Full Name: Joe Blogg
 Client Trading Name: Joe's Candy Shop
 Client Address: 30 CHOCOLATE LANE BRISBANE Q 4000
 Client Post Address:
 Client Phone Number: (00) 0000-0000
 Client ABN: 00 000 000 000 Reporting Method: Cash
 License Type: Multi Users Valid Year: 2002 - 2003

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Company/Individual Retained Value: 0.00 PAYG Commodity Rates: 0.00
 Financial Services Investment Value: 0.00 GST Rate Rates: 0.00 Capital Small Business

Required Modules to Include with Dispatched Package

General Practice System Assets Point of Sale System
 Accounts Budgets Provisions
 Achievement Model Manufacturing Process Payroll / Personnel System
 Business Plan Financial Reporting Update Client Profile

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Fig. 5D**Step 2 (Branches & Departments)**

Client Package Request

Operations Help

Bank Accounts (Step #4) Accounts Selections (Step #5) Questionnaire (Step #6)
 Opening Balances (Step #7) Additional Notes (Step #8) Submission (Step #9)
 General Information (Step #11) Branches & Department (Step #2) Client Entity (Step #3)

Branches

ID	Description
1	Brisbane
2	Caloundra

Departments

ID	Description
1	Sales
2	Administration

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Step 3 (Client Entity)

Client Package Request

Operations Help

Bank Account (Step #4)	Accounts Selections (Step #5)	Questionnaire (Step #6)
Opening Balances (Step #7)	Additional Notes (Step #8)	Submission (Step #9)
General Information (Step #1)	Branches & Departments (Step #2)	Client Entity (Step #3)

Entity Details

Club or Association
 Company
 Consolidation Adjustment
 Manufacturing Account
 Partnership
 Sole Trader
 Superannuation Fund
 Trading Account
 Trust Discretionary
 Trust Unit

General's Use Chart Of Accounts

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Fig. 5F**Step 4 (Bank Accounts)**

Client Package Request

Operations Help

Bank Account (Step #4)	Accounts Selections (Step #5)	Questionnaire (Step #6)
Opening Balances (Step #7)	Additional Notes (Step #8)	Submission (Step #9)
General Information (Step #1)	Branches & Departments (Step #2)	Client Entity (Step #3)

Bank Account Selection

BR	DEP	Account ID	Description
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	6001.1000	Bank working account
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	6001.1000	Bank working account
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	6001.1000	Bank working account
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	6001.1100	Bank savings account
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	6001.1100	Bank savings account
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	6001.1100	Bank savings account
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	6001.1200	Bank account # three
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	6001.1200	Bank account # three
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	6001.1200	Bank account # three
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	6001.1300	Bank account # four
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	6001.1300	Bank account # four
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	6001.1300	Bank account # four
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	6001.1400	Bank account # five
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	6001.1400	Bank account # five
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	6001.1400	Bank account # five
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	6001.1500	Bank account # six
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	6001.1500	Bank account # six

Rename Accounts / Edit Account Details

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Fig. 5G

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Step 5 (Account Selection)

Client Package Request

Operators [Help]

Opening Balances (Step #1) Additions/Notes (Step #2) Submission (Step #3)
 General Information (Step #1) Branches & Departments (Step #2) Client Entity (Step #3)
 Bank Accounts (Step #4) Accounts Selections (Step #5) Questionnaire (Step #6)

Account Selection List

BR	IDEPIS	Account ID	Description
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	1100.1000	Sale of goods to customers
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	1100.1000	Sale of goods to customers
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	1100.1000	Sale of goods to customers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	1100.1001	Sales to Australian customers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2	1100.1001	Sales to Australian customers
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	1100.1001	Sales to Australian customers
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	1100.2000	Sale second hand goods
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	1100.2000	Sale second hand goods
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	1100.2000	Sale second hand goods
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	1100.2001	Sale of new goods
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	1100.2001	Sale of new goods
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	1100.2001	Sale of new goods
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	1100.2002	Sale 2nd hand goods costing over \$300
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	1100.2002	Sale 2nd hand goods costing over \$300
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	1100.2002	Sale 2nd hand goods costing over \$300
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	1100.2003	Sale 2nd hand goods costing under \$300
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	1100.2003	Sale 2nd hand goods costing under \$300

[Rename Account](#) [Edit Account Details](#)

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Fig. 5H

Step 6 (Questionnaire – Reconciliation Details)

Client Package Request

Operators [Help]

Opening Balances (Step #1) Additions/Notes (Step #2) Submission (Step #3)
 General Information (Step #1) Branches & Departments (Step #2) Client Entity (Step #3)
 Bank Accounts (Step #4) Accounts Selections (Step #5) Questionnaire (Step #6)

Reconciliation Details: [New Account Details](#) [Accounts Setup](#)

Account ID	Description	AMT
Bank working account.....	[1/2/6001.1000]	Bank Statement
Bank working account.....	[1/2/6001.1000]	Outstanding Cheque
Bank working account.....	[1/2/6001.1000]	Outstanding Deposit

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Fig. 5I

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Step 6 (Questionnaire – New Account Details)

Description	Percentage	Destination Account

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Fig. 5J

Step 6 (Questionnaire – Account Setup)

Setup	Branch	Department	AccountID	Description	Account Type
Y	1	1	2310.1000	Rent predominant LTCA	Predominately Input Taxed
Y	1	2	7600.2000	ESANDA HP \$	Hire Purchase

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Fig. 5K

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Step 7 (Opening Balances)

Client Package Request

General Information (Step #1)				Branches & Departments (Step #2)		Client Entity (Step #3)	
Bank Accounts (Step #4)		Accounts Selection (Step #5)		Questionnaire (Step #6)		Submission (Step #9)	
Opening Balances (Step #7)		Additional Notes (Step #8)					
BRN	DEP	IDN	Account Description	DR Total	CR Total		
1	2	6001.1000	Bank working account	\$200.00	\$0.00		
1	2	6001.1100	Bank savings account	\$268.59	\$0.00		
1	2	6005.1000	Income NOT banked	\$0.00	\$0.00		
2	1	6005.2000	Payments from income NOT banked	\$0.00	\$0.00		
1	2	6005.9000	Unlisted source	\$0.00	\$0.00		
1	1	6300.2000	GST Prepaid	\$0.00	\$0.00		
1	2	6300.2000	GST Prepaid	\$0.00	\$0.00		
2	1	6300.2001	GST Prepaid via Accruals	\$0.00	\$0.00		
1	1	6300.2001	GST Prepaid via Accruals	\$0.00	\$0.00		
1	2	6300.2001	GST Prepaid via Accruals	\$0.00	\$0.00		
2	1	6380.0001	Inventory Opening Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00		
1	1	6380.0001	Inventory Opening Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00		
1	2	6440.1000	Transfer of funds to other sources	\$0.00	\$0.00		
1	1	6440.1000	Transfer of funds to other sources	\$0.00	\$0.00		
2	1	6440.1000	Transfer of funds to other sources	\$0.00	\$0.00		
1	1	6440.2000	Transfer funds from other sources	\$0.00	\$0.00		

New Account Debits: \$0.00 New Account Credits: \$0.00
 DR Balance: \$468.59 Credit Balance: \$468.59

Initial Balances: \$0.00

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Fig. 5L

Step 8 (Additional Notes)

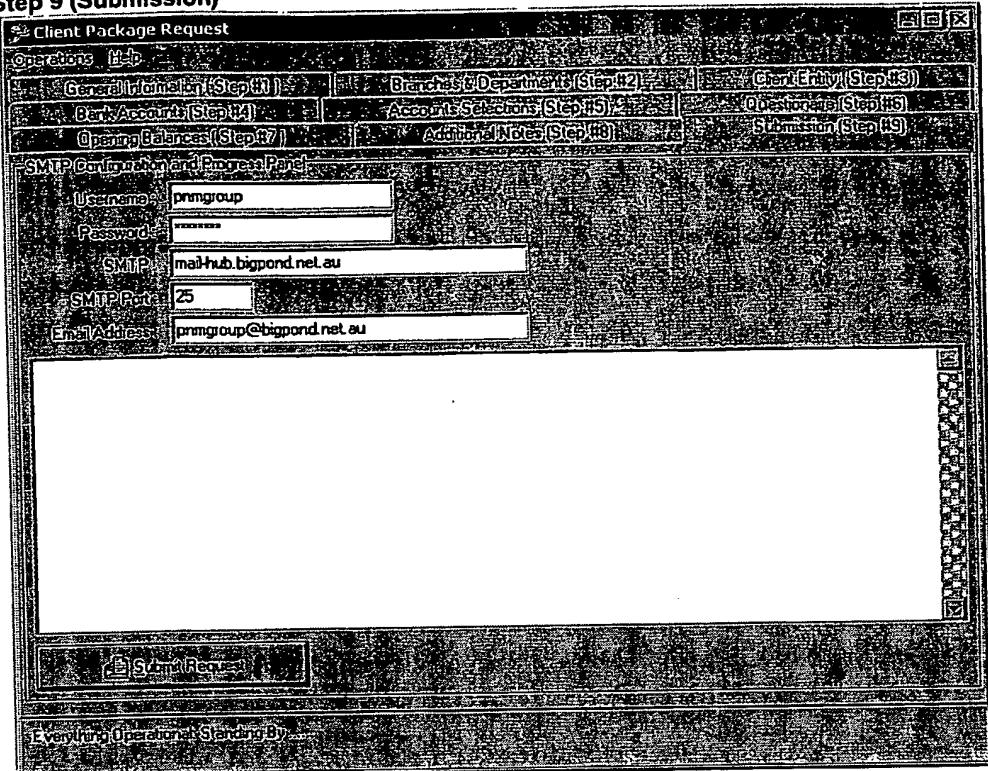
Client Package Request

General Information (Step #1)				Branches & Departments (Step #2)		Client Entity (Step #3)	
Bank Accounts (Step #4)		Accounts Selection (Step #5)		Questionnaire (Step #6)		Submission (Step #9)	
Opening Balances (Step #7)		Additional Notes (Step #8)					
Notes							
1) Sales are always subject to GST							
2) Business began operation in December 2002							

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Fig. 5M

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Step 9 (Submission)**Fig. 5N****Account Editing Interface**

User Chart of Accounts Editor						
Branch	Department	Account ID	Acc Description	Private%	Comments	
2	1	1100.2000	Sale second hand goods	0	-	
1	1	1100.2001	Sale of new goods	0	-	
1	2	1100.2001	Sale of new goods	0	-	
2	1	1100.2001	Sale of new goods	0	-	
1	1	1100.2002	Sale 2nd hand goods costing over \$300	0	-	
1	2	1100.2002	Sale 2nd hand goods costing over \$300	0	-	
2	1	1100.2002	Sale 2nd hand goods costing over \$300	0	-	
1	1	1100.2003	Sale 2nd hand goods costing under \$300	0	-	
1	2	1100.2003	Sale 2nd hand goods costing under \$300	0	-	
2	1	1100.2003	Sale 2nd hand goods costing under \$300	0	-	
1	1	1100.2004	Sale 2nd hand goods from global pool	0	-	
1	2	1100.2004	Sale 2nd hand goods from global pool	0	-	
2	1	1100.2004	Sale 2nd hand goods from global pool	0	-	
1	1	1100.3000	Sale of goods on consignment	0	-	

Fig. 5O

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Private Split Portions

Private Split Portions for Fuel Pte vehicle # (1/2/8004.1000)

Share	Desc/Account	80 Drawings for private use..... [1/2/8004.6000]
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Total Portion Percentage: 80.00%

Link Entered to Account Clear Splits and Close

Fig. 5P

Accounts Setup Form

Select Account Details

Purchase of a Fuel Vehicle

Did this acquisition occur pre 1/7/2001?

Was this purchase for a vehicle?

Was this purchase for a car?

Cost of the Car: 0.00

Input Car Limit: 57009.00

Was this purchase of a new vehicle?

Was this vehicle acquired before 29/6/2001?

Did an exemption apply?

Was this account input/linked?

OK Cancel

Select Account Details

Purchase of a Fuel Vehicle

Did this acquisition occur pre 1/7/2001?

Was this purchase for a vehicle?

Was this purchase for a car?

Cost of the Car: 0.00

Input Car Limit: 57009.00

Was this purchase of a new vehicle?

Was this vehicle acquired before 29/6/2001?

Did an exemption apply?

Was this account input/linked?

OK Cancel

NON Hire Purchase

Hire Purchase

Available Accounts Report

Available Accounts [Headers only]

Project: Joe Blogg

Account ID	Account Name
1100.0000	Sales
1150.0000	Export Sales
1200.0000	Sales - Livestock
1300.0000	Sales - Produce
1510.0000	Opening Stock - Goods for Sale
1520.0000	Opening Stock - Livestock
1530.0000	Opening Stock - Produce
1540.0000	Opening Stock Trading Shares
1620.0000	Trading Purchases
1630.0000	Packaging and Wrapping
1650.0000	Cost of Goods Sold

Fig. 5Q

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Fig. 5R

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Selected Accounts Report

Selected Accounts

Project: Joe Blogg

Account ID	Branch	Dep	Private %	Account Name	Type
1100.1001	1	1	0.00%	Sales to Australian customers	General
1100.1001	2	1	0.00%	Sales to Australian customers	General
1510.1000	1	1	0.00%	Goods held for sale at start of period	Not Available To Client
1510.1000	2	1	0.00%	Goods held for sale at start of period	Not Available To Client
1620.1000	1	1	0.00%	Goods purchased for sale	General
1620.1000	2	1	0.00%	Goods purchased for sale	General
1620.2005	1	1	0.00%	GST on 2nd hand goods sold	Not Available To Client
1620.2005	1	2	0.00%	GST on 2nd hand goods sold	Not Available To Client
1620.2005	2	1	0.00%	GST on 2nd hand goods sold	Not Available To Client
1910.1000	1	1	0.00%	Goods held for sale at close of period	Not Available To Client
1910.1000	2	1	0.00%	Goods held for sale at close of period	Not Available To Client
2185.1000	2	1	0.00%	Interest received from Working Account	GST Free Supply
2185.1001	2	1	0.00%	Interest received from Savings Account	GST Free Supply
2310.1000	1	1	0.00%	Rent predominant LTC	Predominant LTC (Input T)
2510.1000	1	2	0.00%	Fees paid to accountant	General
2520.2000	1	2	0.00%	Yellow pages (gst on invoice)	GST Paid Up Front
2555.1000	1	2	0.00%	Bank charges (No GST)	GST Free Acquisition
2555.2000	1	2	0.00%	Bank debits tax	Non Reportable Expense
2555.3000	1	2	0.00%	Bank fee (With GST)	Always Taxed Acquisition
2650.2000	1	1	0.00%	Voluntary agreement	Voluntary Agreement Payme
2675.2000	1	2	0.00%	Depreciation plant & equipment	Not Available To Client
2725.1000	1	1	0.00%	Electricity business	General
2725.1000	2	1	0.00%	Electricity business	General
2745.2000	1	2	0.00%	Government fees	General
2860.7000	1	1	0.00%	Insurance general	Includes Stamp Duty
2860.7000	2	1	0.00%	Insurance general	Includes Stamp Duty

Fig. 5S

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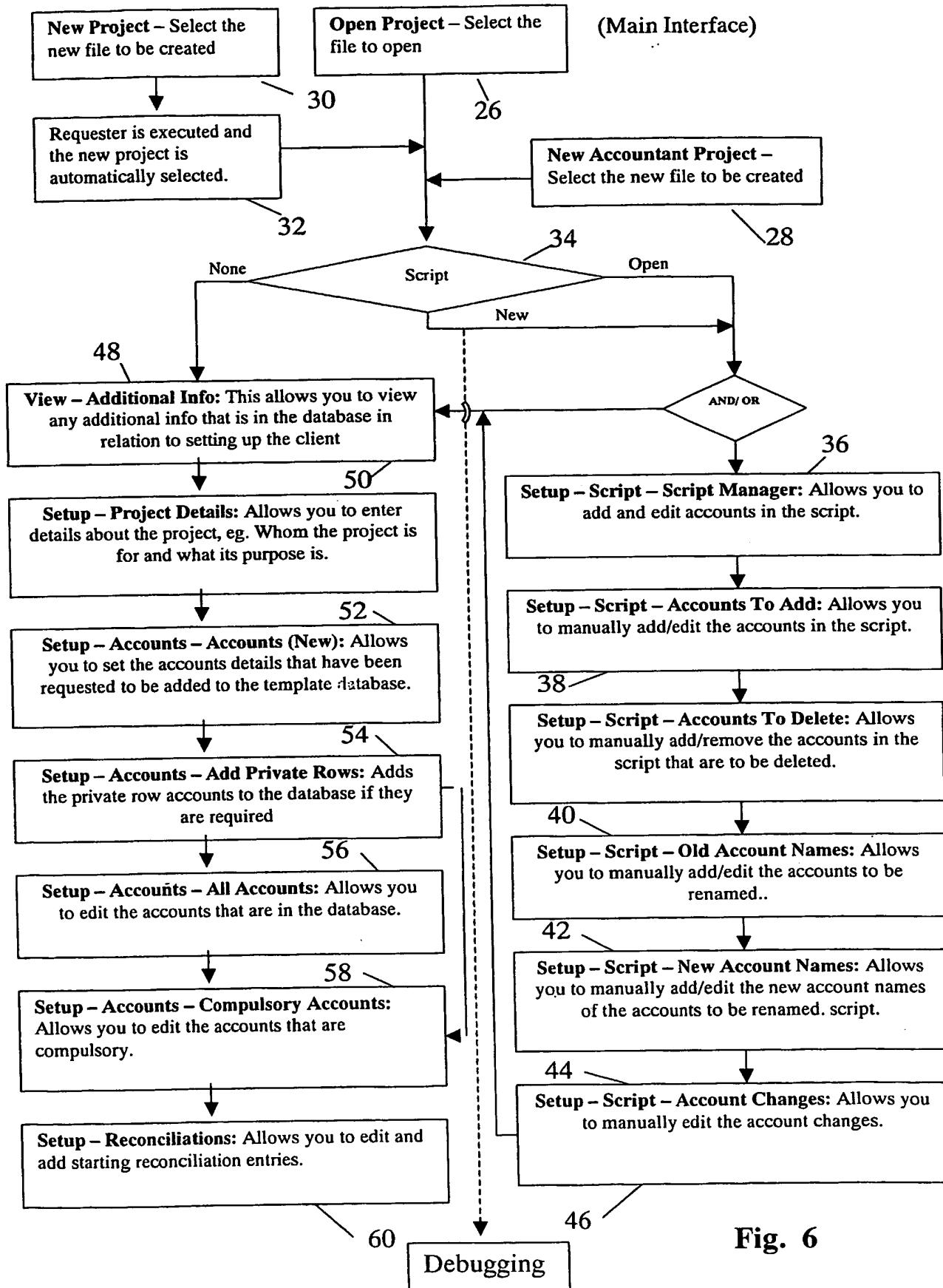


Fig. 6

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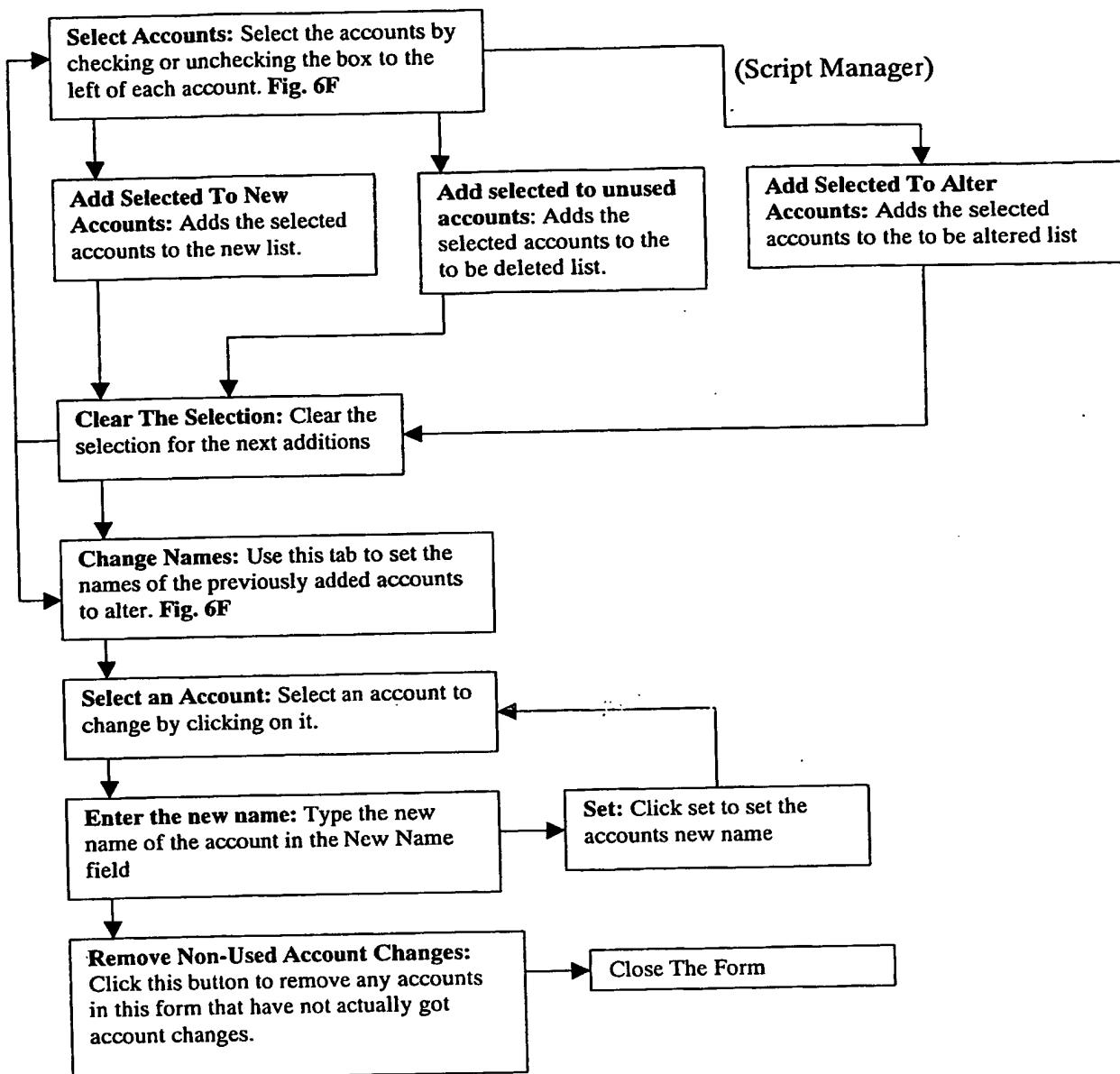


Fig. 6A

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Setup – Project Details

Project Details

Username: Joe's Candy Shop
Company: Joe's Candy Shop
Phone: (00) 0000-0000
Fax: (00) 0000-0000
Address: 30 Chocolate Lane, BRISBANE, Q 4000
ABN: 00 000 000 000
GST/Payover: 10.00%
Bank/BSB: 05 502
Account: 1000
Last Payover: 00/00/00
Next Payover: 20/00/00

Company Details

Trading Name: PN Murray Accountants
Phone: (07) 5495 2911
Server Host Name:
IP Address: 0_0_0_0
Server Logon Name:
Server User Name:
Server Port: 0
Server Version:
Update DB:

Print Configuration Details | Cancel

Fig. 6B**Tools – Check Database**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check Database	Check Name	Status
Partnership Rows		Not Tested.
Partnerships		Not Tested.
Private Allocations		Success.
Source Account		Success.
Ledger Balances		Failed.
Open Status		Success.
Header Accounts		Success.
Hire Purchase Account Codes		Success.
Companies Table		Success.
Duplicate Names		Success.
Invalid Account Numbers		Success.

Check | Close

Fig. 6C**View – Additional Info**

Notes

- 1) Sales are always subject to GST
- 2) Business began operation in December 2002

Close | Print | Help | Back | Forward | Home

Fig. 6D

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Script Manager - Change Names

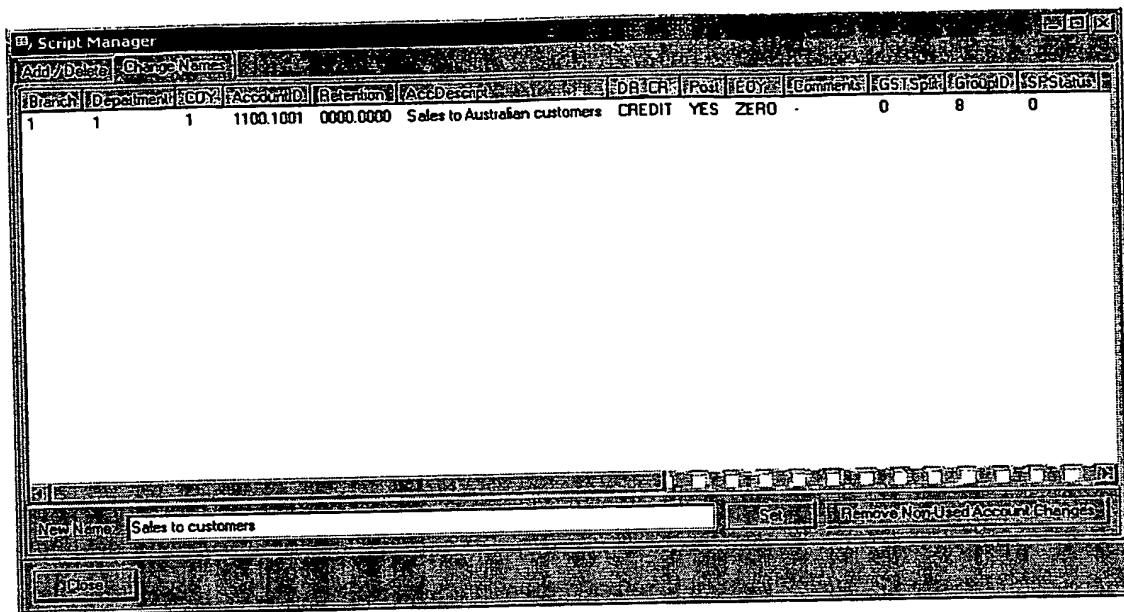


Fig. 6F

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(Main Interface)

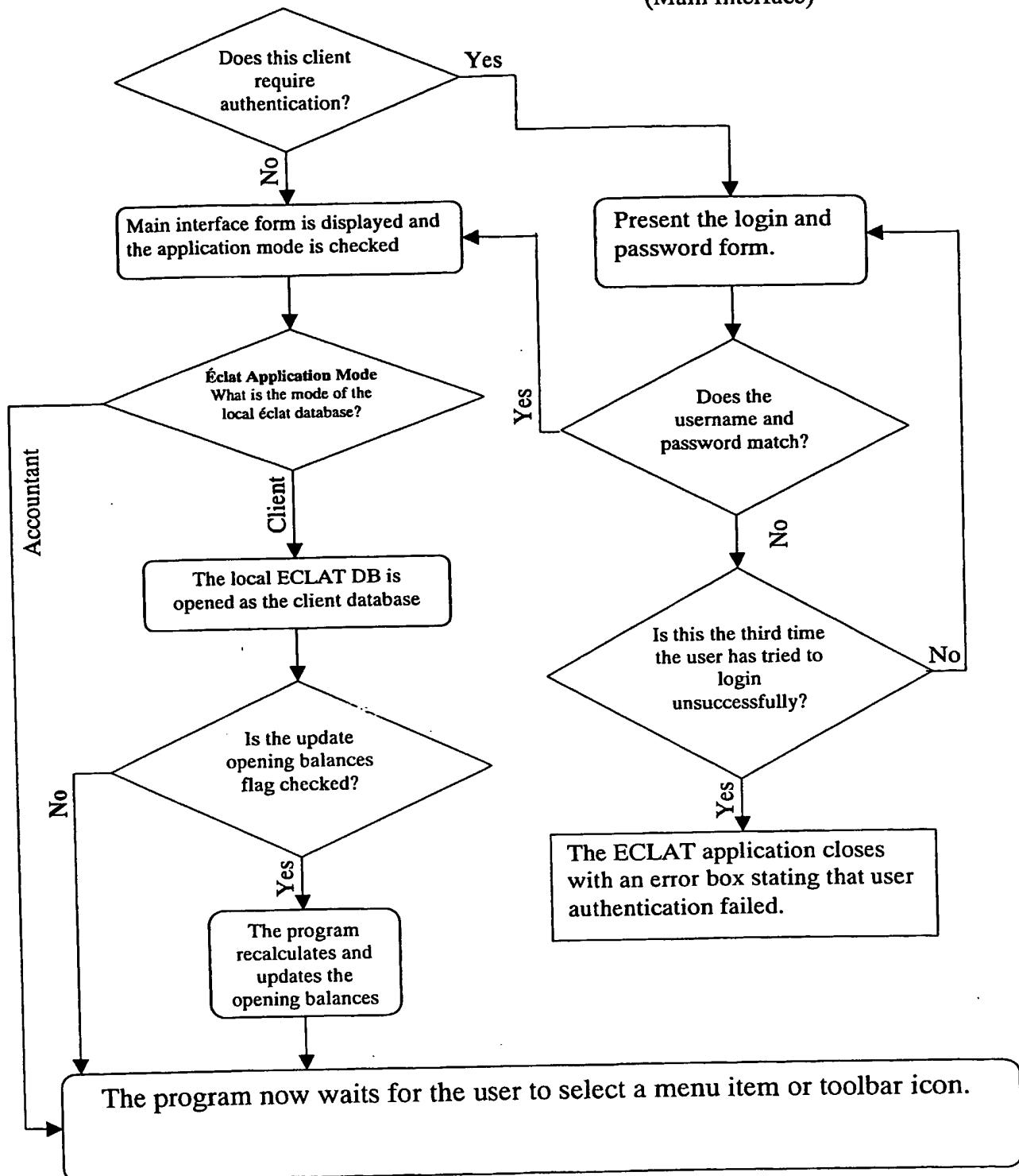


Fig. 7A

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(CB Entry Form)

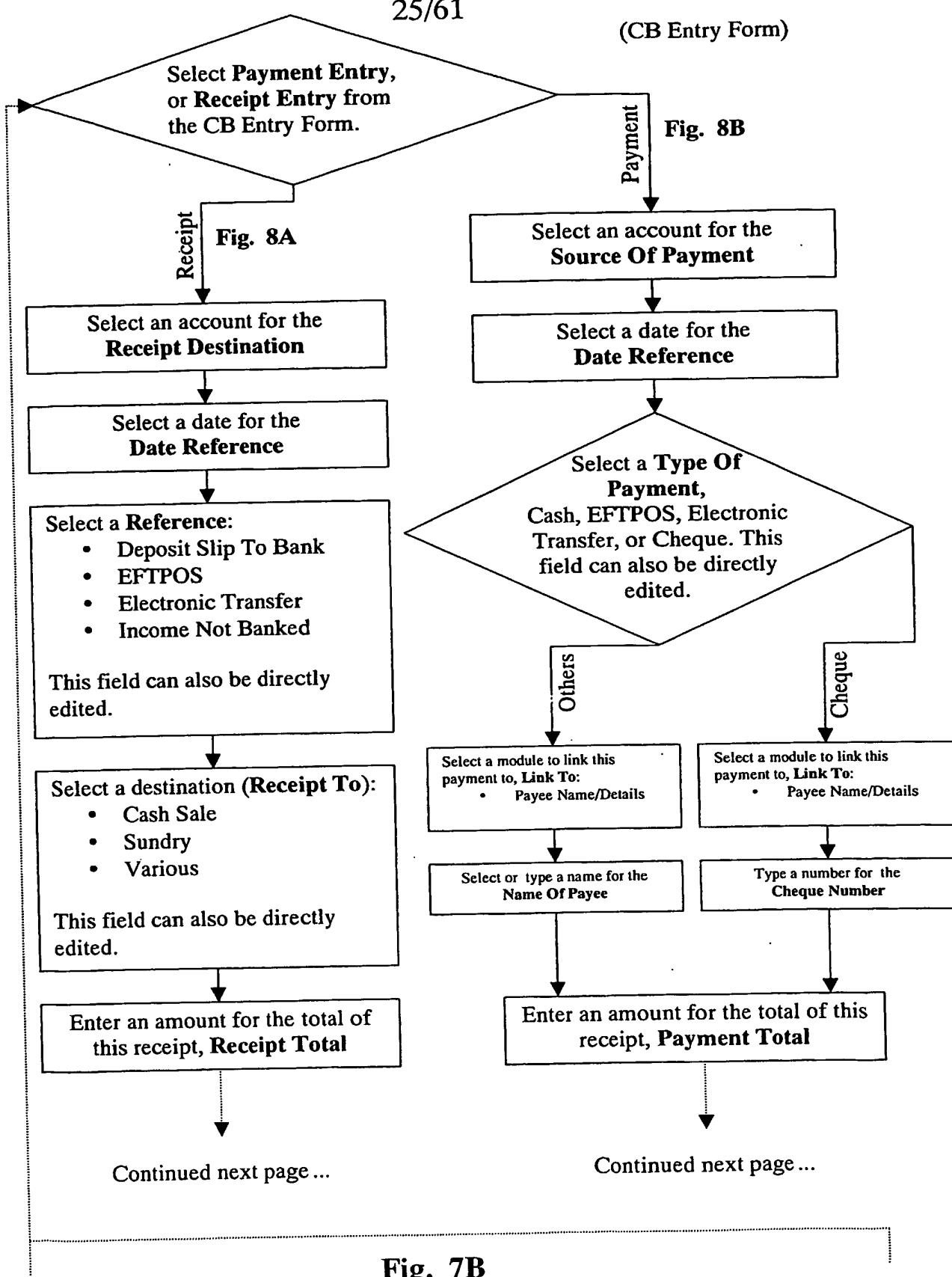


Fig. 7B

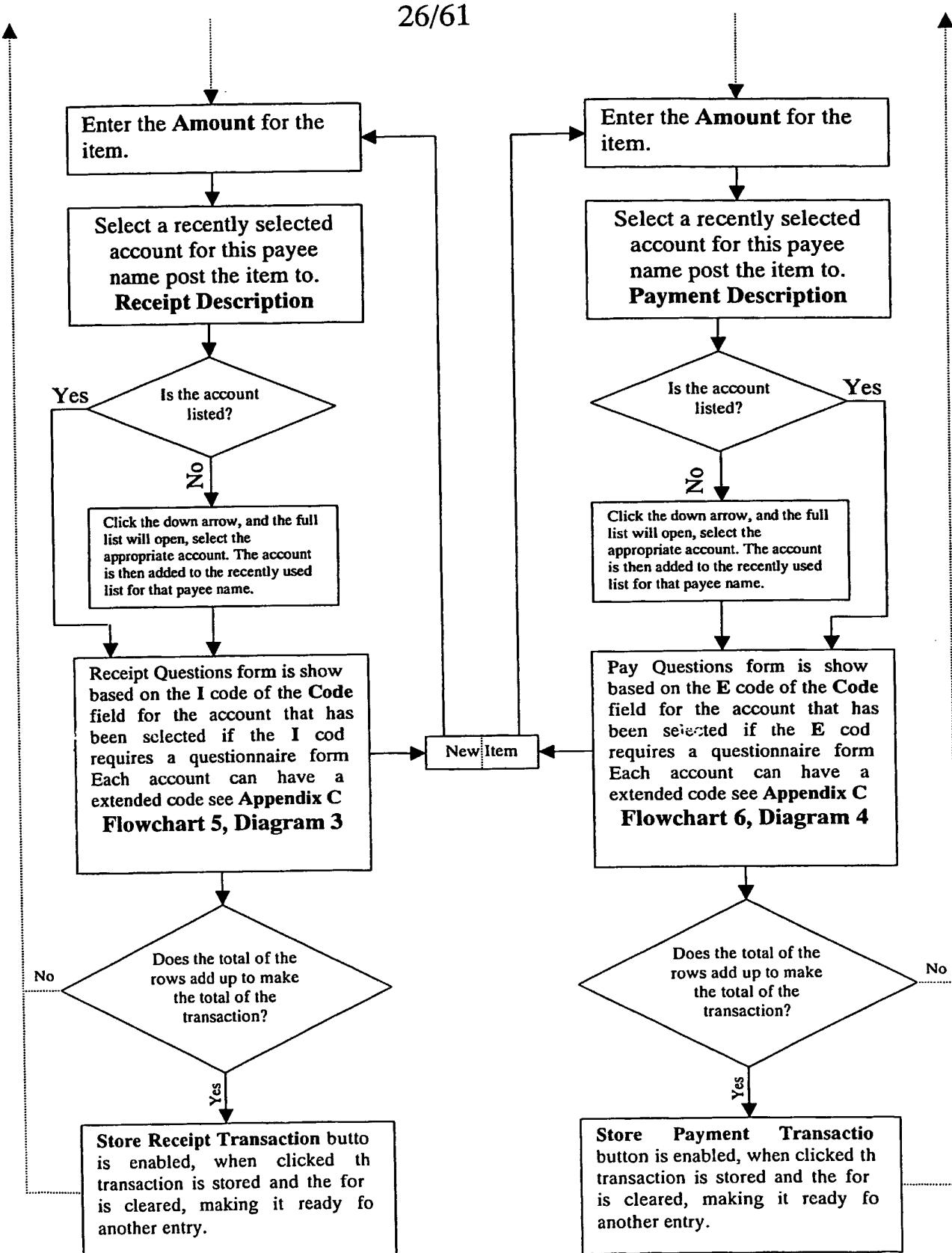


Fig. 7B (cont.)

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(Receipt Questions)

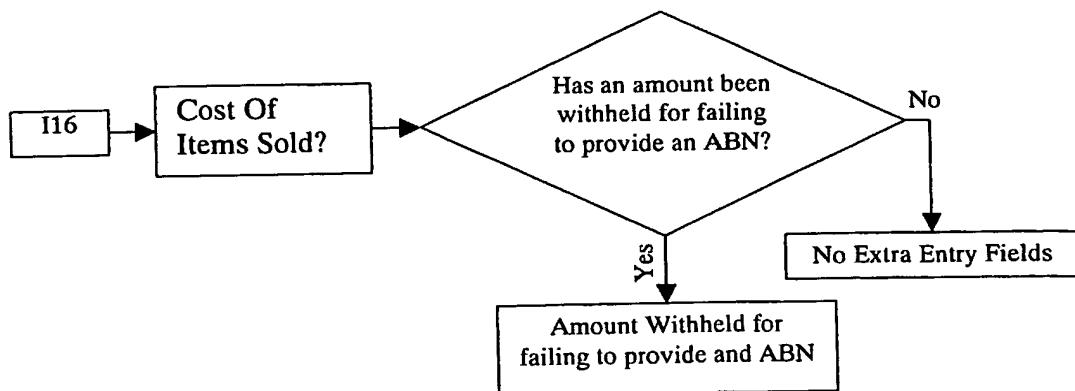
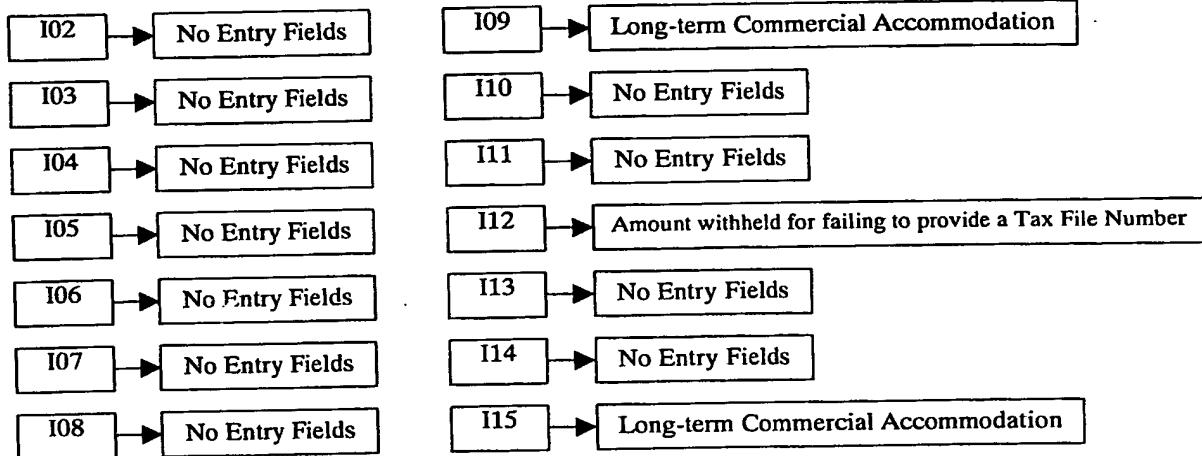
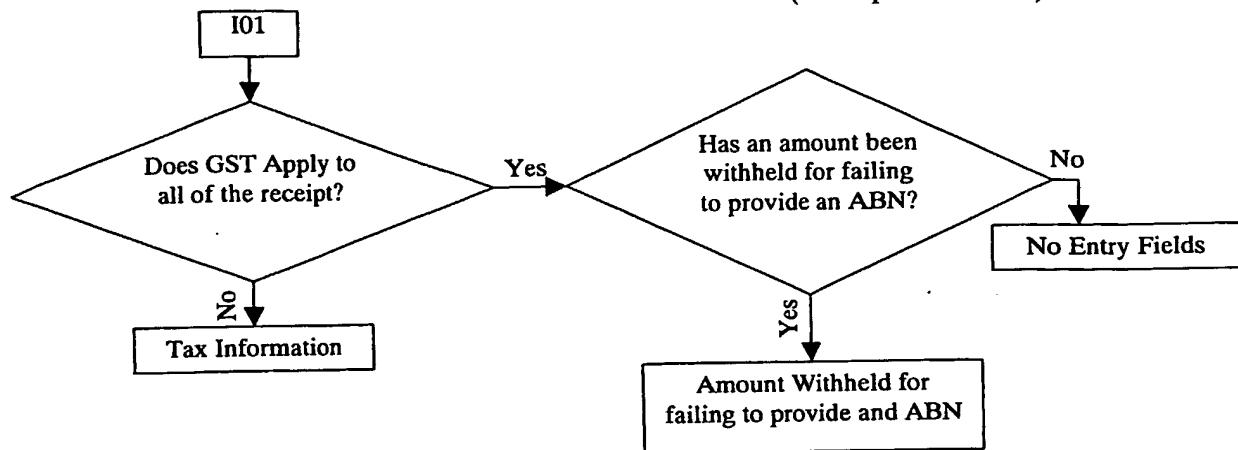


Fig. 7C

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(Pay Questions)

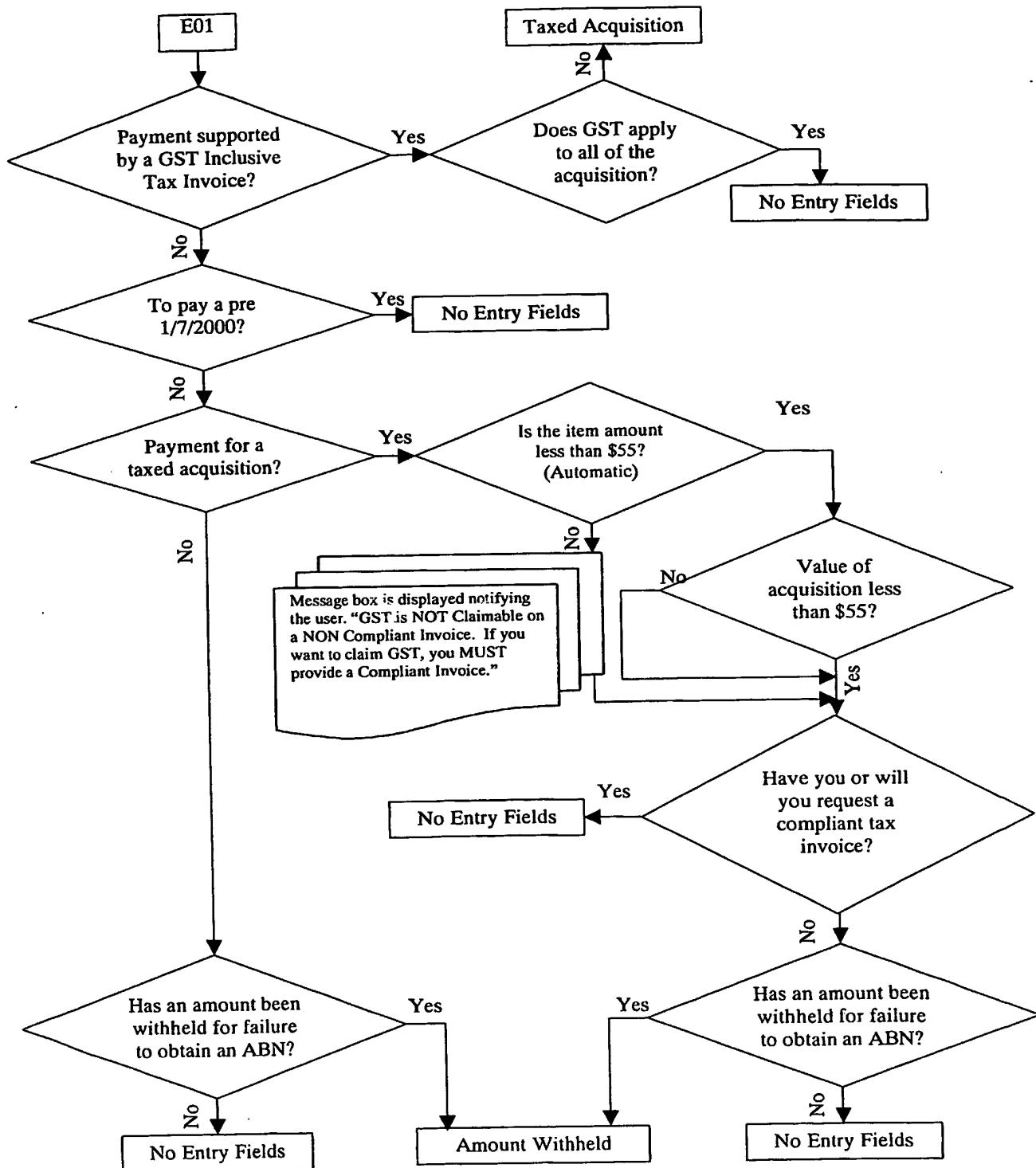


Fig. 7D
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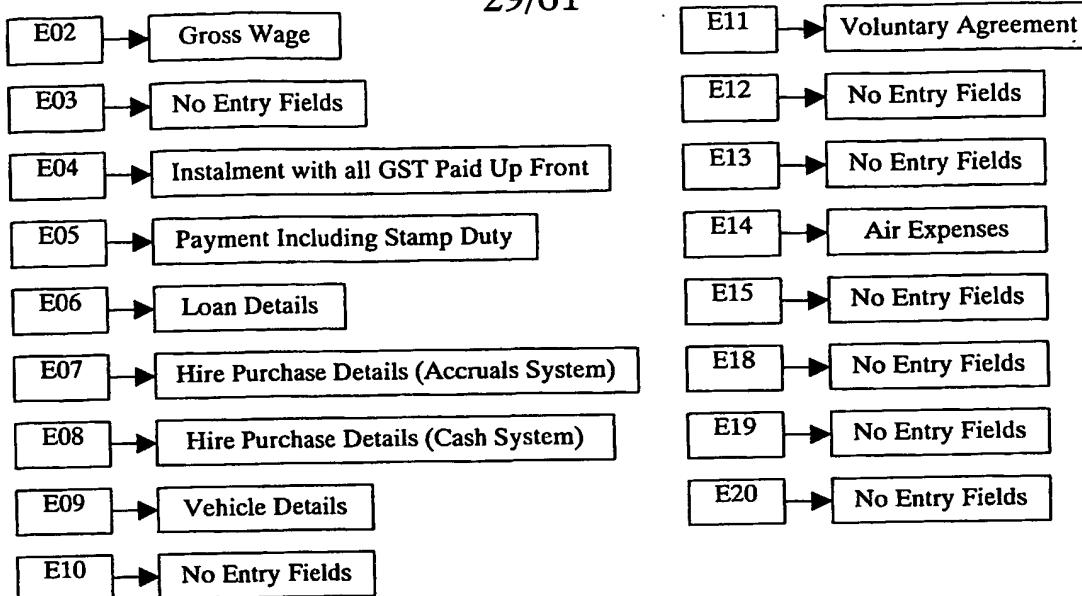


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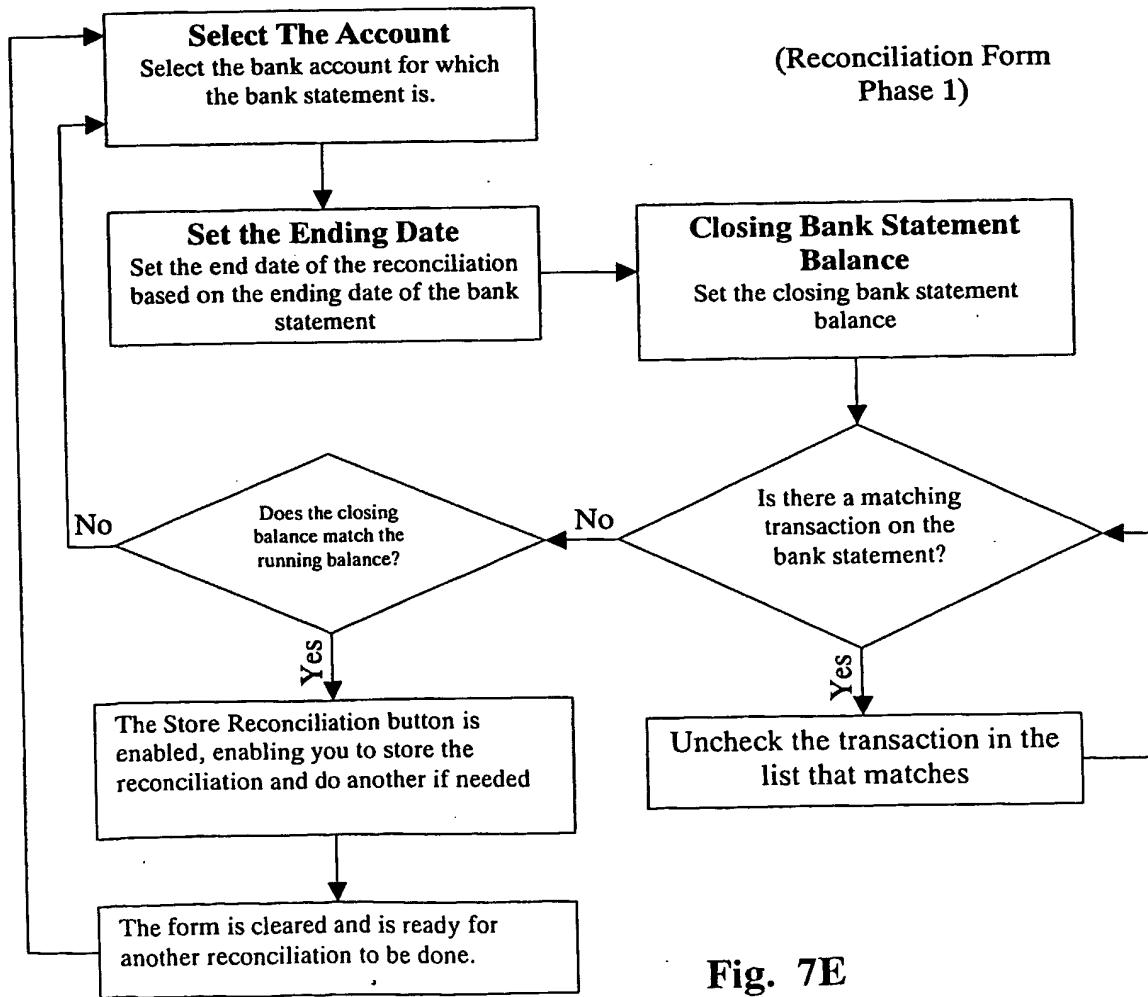


Fig. 7E

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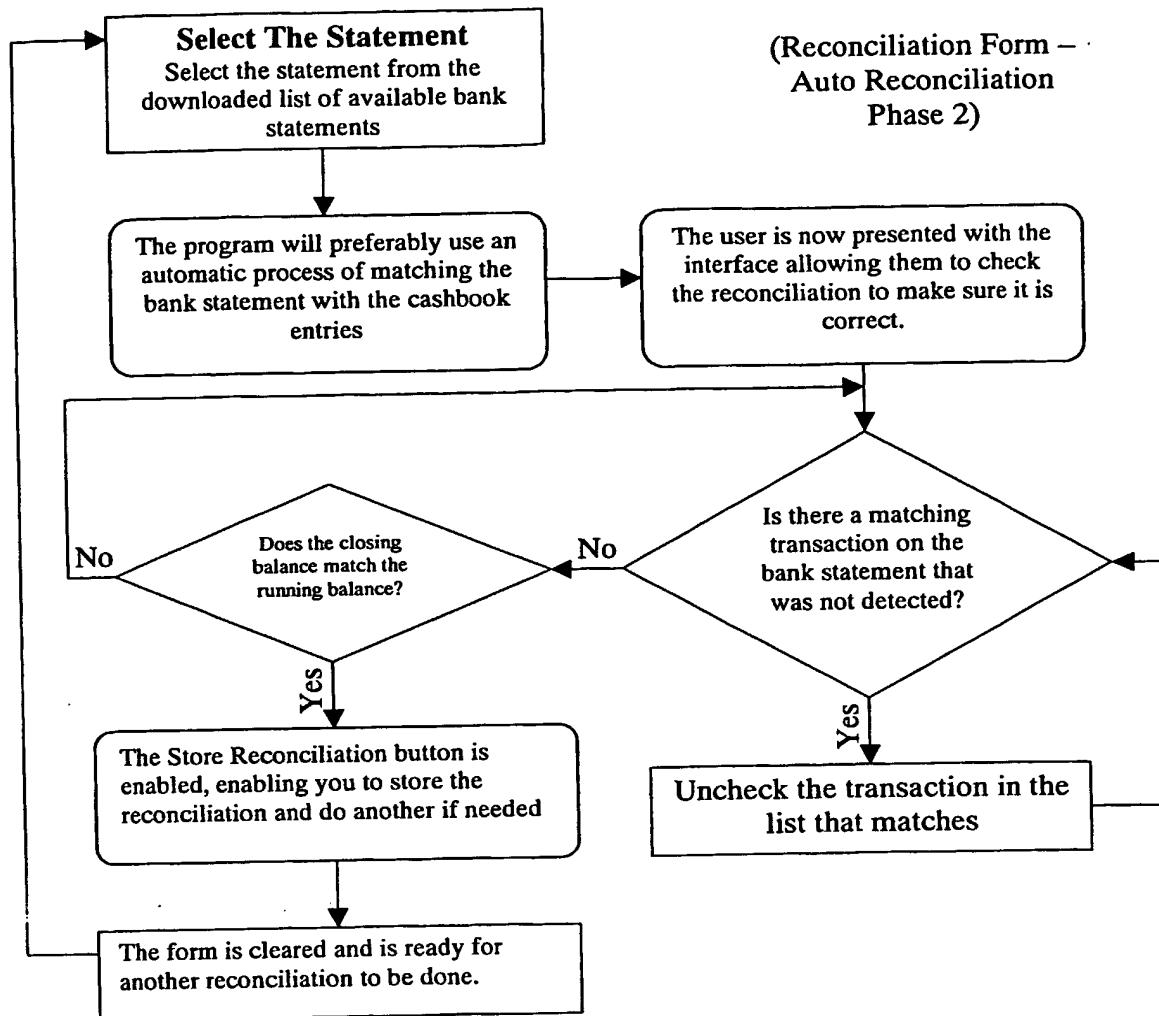


Fig. 7F

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Cashbook Entry Form - Receipt Entry

UF Payment and Receipt Entry Form

Receipt Details:
 Destination: Credit card VISA..... [1/1/7001.2000]
 Branch: Sampleville
 Department: Hotel
 Date Reference: 01/07/2003
 Type of Payment: EFTPOS
 Reference: Receipt To: Various
 Receipt Total: \$200.00

Receipts:
 REQUIRED: 0.00
 BALANCE: \$200.00

Amount	Receipt Description	Ex	Dep
\$200.00	Transfer funds from other sources	1	1

Fig. 8A**Cashbook Entry Form - Payment Entry**

UF Payment and Receipt Entry Form

Source of Payment: Credit card VISA..... [1/1/7001.2000]
Source Branch: Sampleville
Source Department: Hotel
Date Reference: 25/07/2002
Type of Payment: Cash
Bank/Link: Payee Name/Details: Qantas
Payment Details: Flight to Perth
Amount: \$800.00
Payment Description: Business air fares
Ex: 1 **Dep:** 1

Payments:
 REQUIRED: 0.00
 BALANCE: \$800.00

Amount	Payment Description	Ex	Dep
\$800.00	Business air fares	1	1

Fig. 8B

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Receipt Base Questions

IF Required Questions for the receipt of \$200.00

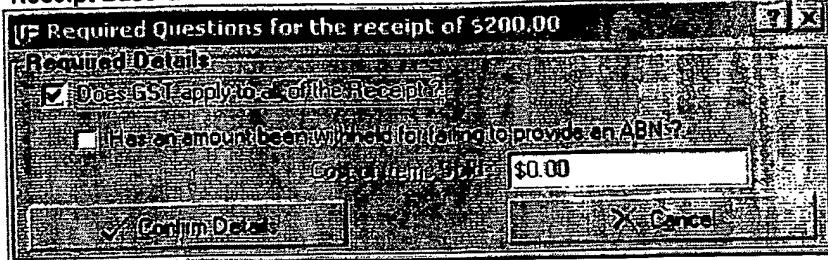
Required Details

Does GST apply in case of the Receipt?

Has an amount been withheld failing to provide an ABN?

Amount withheld for failing to provide an ABN: \$0.00

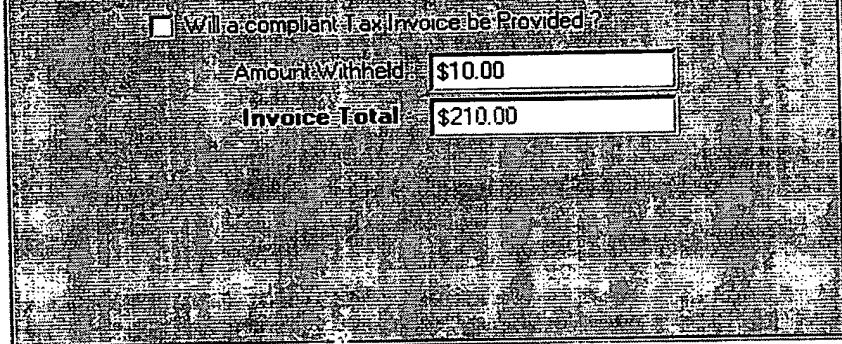
Confirm Details Cancel

**Fig. 8C****Amount withheld for failing to provide ABN****Amount withheld for failing to provide ABN**

Will a compliant Tax Invoice be Provided?

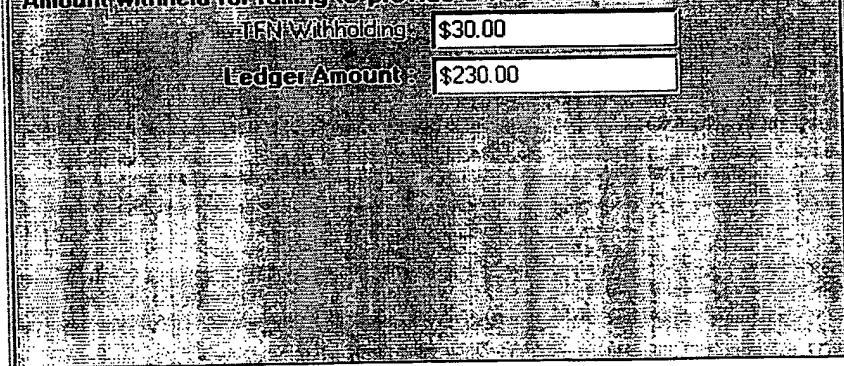
Amount withheld: \$10.00

Invoice Total: \$210.00

**Fig. 8D****Amount withheld for failing to provide a Tax File Number****Amount withheld for failing to provide a Tax File Number**

TFN Withholding: \$30.00

Ledger Amount: \$230.00

**Fig. 8E**

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Tax Information

Tax Information	
How Much is Taxable Supply	\$20.00
How Much is PRE 1/7/2000	\$10.00
How Much is Export Supply	\$30.00
How Much is GST Free Supply	\$50.00
How much is Input Taxed	\$90.00
Amnt withheld for failing to provide ABN	\$0.00
Calculated Total	\$200.00
Original Total	\$200.00

Fig. 8F**Long term Commercial Accommodation**

Long term Commercial Accommodation	
How much from guests who have stayed less than 28 days	\$0.00
Original Total	\$200.00

Fig. 8Fa**Payment Base Questions**

Required Questions for the payment of \$800.00

Required Details - Select which applies to this payment

Payment supported by a GST Inclusive Tax Invoice
 Do I GST Inclusive of my payment?
 To pay a PRE 1/7/2000?
 Payment for a Taxed Acquisition?
 Value of Acquisition less than \$55.00 ???
 Have you or will you require a compliant invoice?
 Has an amount been withheld for failure to obtain ABN?
 Has an amount been withheld for failure to obtain ABN?

Confirm Details Cancel

Status: System Operational with no problems detected

Fig. 8G

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Amount Withheld

Amount Withheld	
How much is the amount withheld	\$50.00
Calculated Total	\$850.00

Fig. 8H**Vehicle Details**

Vehicle Details	
How much is Third Party	\$300.00
How much is registration	\$500.00
Calculated Total	\$800.00

Fig. 8I**Payment Including Stamp Duty**

Payment including Stamp Duty	
How much is Stamp Duty	\$100.00
How much is Taxed/Acquisition	\$500.00
How much is GST Free	\$200.00
Calculated Total	\$800.00

Fig. 8J**Airfare Expenses**

Airfare Expenses	
How much is Airfare Tax	\$700.00
How much is Taxed/Acquisition	\$80.00
How much is GST Free	\$20.00
Calculated Total	\$800.00

Fig. 8K

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Taxed Acquisition

Taxed Acquisition	
How much is Taxed Acquisition	\$400.00
How much is Non Taxed Acquisition	\$200.00
How much is PPE 1/7/2000	\$100.00
How much is other	\$100.00
Original Amount	\$800.00
Calculated Total	\$800.00

Fig. 8L**Loan Details**

Loan Details	
How much is Interest	\$150.00
How much is Principal	\$600.00
How much is Stamp Duty	\$50.00
Calculated Total	\$800.00

Fig. 8M**Hire Purchase Details**

Hire Purchase Details	
How much is Interest	\$60.00
How much is Principal	\$710.00
How much is Stamp Duty	\$30.00
Calculated Total	\$800.00

Fig. 8N**Gross Wage**

Gross Wage	
What is the amount of tax withheld	\$40.00
What is the amount of other withholdings	\$32.00
Calculated Total	\$872.00

Fig. 8O

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Voluntary Agreement

Voluntary Agreement	
How much Tax withheld	\$60.00
Calculated Total	\$860.00

Fig. 8P**Instalment with all GST Paid up Front**

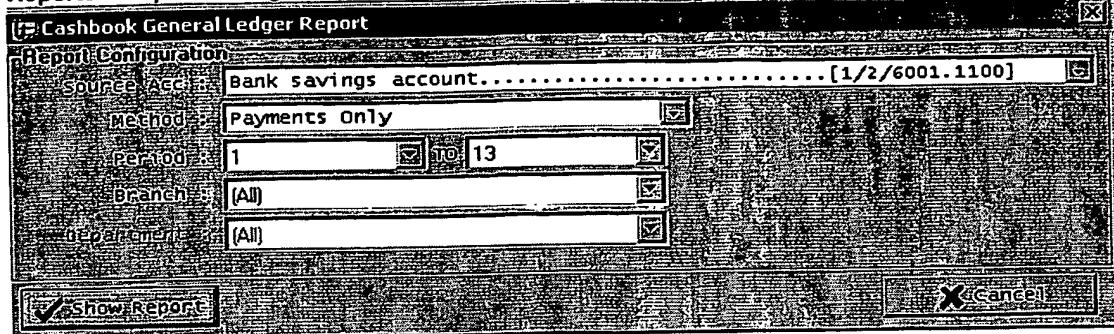
Instalment with all GST Paid up Front	
How much is Stamp Duty	\$60.00
How much is GST	\$500.00
Instalment Amount	\$240.00
Calculated Total	\$800.00

Fig. 8Q**Bank Reconciliation Entry Form**

Bank Reconciliation Entry					
Account and Period					
Select Account	Bank working account.....	[1/2/6001.1000]	.....	.....	.....
Current Account	Bank working account.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Branch Name	Brisbane	.....	.....	.....	.....
Department Name	Administration	.....	.....	.....	.....
Date Range From	01-07-2002	TO	31-08-2002	.....	.....
Closing Bank Statement Balance	\$8951.44				
Opening Bank Statement Balance	\$205.59				
Opening Ledger Balance	\$200.00				
Uncheck all entries that are no longer outstanding					
From	Payment	Receipt	Date	Reference	LEDGER
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0.00	\$15.00	30/06/02	* -	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$20.59	\$0.00	30/06/02	* 559	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$6,568.58	\$0.00	10/07/02	Cash [-]	18
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$680.00	\$0.00	10/07/02	Cheque [56]	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0.00	\$102.52	25/07/02	Electronic Transfer [-]	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0.00	\$6,568.00	25/07/02	Deposit Slip to Bank [-]	12
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0.00	\$16,869.00	25/08/02	Deposit Slip to Bank [-]	13
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$4,856.00	\$0.00	26/08/02	Cash [-]	19
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$25.00	\$0.00	30/08/02	Cheque [-]	21
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$2,683.50	\$0.00	30/08/02	cash [-]	20
Closing Balances					
Opening Ledger	\$8926.44		Running Balance	\$8951.44	
Credits	\$25.00		Debits	\$25.00	
Debits	\$30.00				
Action					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Store Reconciliation	Print	Print/Review Report	X Cancel	

Fig. 8R

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Reports – Report Configuration**Fig. 8S****Reports – Cashbook General Ledger Audit Report**

Joe Blogg
Cashbook General Ledger Audit Report @ 12/06/03
Listing Periods From July 2002 TO July 2003
Listing for Payments Only

All Branches

All Departments

SOURCE: 1/2 - Bank working account

DATE	TRAN	TYPE	REFERENCE	DETAILS	BALANCE
1 / 2 /		Bank working account		10/07/02	
1/2/2002.0002		GST Paid			\$61.81
10/07/02	2	PAYMENT			
1/2/2002.1000		Fees paid to accountant			\$618.19
10/07/02	2	PAYMENT	Cheque	56	
					\$680.00
1 / 2 /		Bank working account		10/07/02	
1/1/2002.1000		Goods purchased for sale			\$3166.60
10/07/02	18	PAYMENT	Cash		
1/1/2002.0002		GST Paid			\$318.66
10/07/02	18	PAYMENT			
2/1/2002.1000		Goods purchased for sale			\$2784.84
10/07/02	18	PAYMENT	Cash		
2/1/2002.0002		GST Paid			\$270.46
10/07/02	18	PAYMENT			
					\$6568.58

Fig. 8T

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Reports – PAYG Report**PAYG Report @ 12/06/03****Joe Blogg**

Listing Periods FROM July 2002 TO July 2003

All Branches**All Departments****PAYG Tax Withheld**

W1	Total Salary, Wages and other payments : \$0
W2	Amount Withheld from payments shown at W1 : \$0
W4	Amount Withheld where no ABN was quoted : \$0
W3	Other Amounts withheld (excluding any amount shown at W2 or W4) : \$0
W5	Total Amounts withheld (W2 + W3 + W4) : \$0

PAYG Income Tax Instalment

T1	PAYG Instalment Income : \$148,270
T2	ATO Instalment Rate : 0.00 % Percent
T11	T1 x T2 (or T3) : \$0

Summary**Amounts you owe the ATO**

1A	GST on Sales or on GST instalment : \$14,779
4	PAYG Tax Withheld : \$0
5A	PAYG Income Tax Instalment : \$0
6A	Fringe Benefits Tax Instalment : \$0
7	Deferred Company / Fund Instalment : \$0
8A	1A + 4 + 5A + 6A + 7 : \$14,779

Amounts the ATO owe you

1B	GST on Purchases : \$4,122
5B	Credit arising from reduced PAYG instalments : \$0
6B	Credit arising from reduced Fringe Benefits tax instalment : \$0
8B	1B + 5B + 6B : \$4,122
9	Amount to be paid to ATO : \$10,657

Fig. 8U

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Reports - Summary Report

SUMMARY REPORT

Joe Blogg

Listing Periods From July 2002 TO July 2003

Summarised Accounts

All Branches

All Departments

Account Name	Account	Receipt	Payment
ATO Payment	7026.0001		\$4204.00
Bank charges (No GST)	2555.1000		\$100.00
DONT KNOW OR NOT LISTED RECEIPT	9999.2000	\$102.52	
Drawings for private use	8004.6000		\$168.00
Electricity business	2725.1000		\$3250.47
Fees paid to accountant	2610.1000		\$618.19
Goods purchased for sale	1620.1000		\$33560.67
GST Collected	7025.0001	\$14770.20	
GST Paid	7025.0002		\$4122.66
Insurance general	2860.7000		\$3261.83
Interest received from Working Account	2185.1000	\$68.00	
Printing and stationery for business	3120.1000		\$616.37
Sales to Australian customers	1100.1001	\$147702.80	
		\$163143.52	\$55412.19
Second Hand Goods Sold:			\$0.00
		\$163143.52	\$55412.19

Summary for Payments

Taxed Acquisition : \$45,350.19
 Input Tax : \$0.00
 Private : \$0.00
 NO GST : \$100.00
 Non GST Reportable : \$9,962.00
 GST Suspense : \$0.00
 Total Expenses : \$55,412.19

Summary for Receipts

Tax Supply : \$162,473.00
 Export Supply : \$0.00
 Input Tax Sales : \$0.00
 GST Free : \$168.00
 Non GST Reportable : \$0.00
 PRE 1/7/2000 : \$0.00
 GST Suspense : \$102.52
 Total Income : \$163,143.52

Fig. 8V

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Reports - Cashbook GST Audit Report

Cashbook GST Audit Report @ 12/06/03

Joe Blogg

Listing for Payments Only
FROM July 2002 TO July 2003

All Branches

All Departments

ID	Entry	Reference	Capital	Taxed Acquisition	Input Tax	BD GST	Private DOM Deductable	Non Reportable	GST Suspense
1 / 2	Fees paid to accountant			10/07/02					
	Cheque		\$0.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
			\$6						
1 / 1	Goods purchased for sale			10/07/02					
18	Cash		\$0.00	\$3,501.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
			\$3,501.26						
2 / 1	Goods purchased for sale			10/07/02					
18	Cash		\$0.00	\$3,063.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
			\$3,063.32						
1 / 1	Goods purchased for sale			28/08/02					
18	Cash		\$0.00	\$2,485.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
			\$2,485.00						
2 / 1	Goods purchased for sale			28/08/02					
18	Cash		\$0.00	\$2,370.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
			\$2,370.00						
1 / 1	Electricity business			30/08/02					
20	Cash		\$0.00	\$1,656.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
			\$1,656.25						

Fig. 8W

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Reports - BAS Statement Report

BAS Statement Report @ 12/06/03

Reporting Method : Cash

Listing Periods FROM July 2002 TO July 2003

All Branches

All Departments

Joe Blogg

Amount you owe the ATO from Sales

G1	Total Sales (Including any GST)	:	\$163,041
G2	Export Sales	:	\$0
G3	Other GST-Free Sales	:	\$568
G4	Input Taxed Sales	:	\$0
G5	$G2 + G3 + G4$	:	\$568
G6	Total Sales Subject to GST (G1 minus G5)	:	\$162,473
G7	Adjustments	:	\$0
G8	Total Sales Subject to GST after Adjustments (G6 + G7)	:	\$162,473
G9/1A	GST on Sales	:	\$14,770

Amount the ATO Owe you from Purchases

G10	Capital Purchases (including any GST)	:	\$0
G11	Non-Capital purchases (including any GST)	:	\$45,347
G12	$G10 + G11$	:	\$45,347
G13	Purchases for making input taxed sales	:	\$0
G14	GST Free Purchases	:	\$100
G15	Estimated purchases for private use or not income tax deductible	:	\$0
G16	$G13 + G14 + G15$	:	\$100
G17	Total purchases subject to GST (G12 minus G16)	:	\$45,247
G18	Adjustments	:	\$0
G19	Total purchases subject to GST after adjustments (G17 + G18)	:	\$45,247
G20/1B	GST on Purchases	:	\$4,113

BAS Summary

1A	GST on Sales	:	\$14,770
1B	GST on Purchases	:	\$4,113
	Amount you Owe the ATO	:	\$10,657

Fig. 8X

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Accountant Reports – Balance Sheet

Joe Blogg Trial Balance Report as @ 31/07/02 Listing Periods From July 2002 TO July 2002 All Branches All Departments			
	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
1 / 1 / 1100.0000 - Sales 1100.1000 Sales to Australian customers		\$2444.66	(\$2444.66)
1 / 1 / 1620.0000 - Trading Purchases 1620.1000 Goods purchased for sale	\$3106.60		\$3106.60
1 / 1 / 7025.0000 - Clearing Accounts 7025.0001 GST Collected 7025.0002 GST Paid	\$7909.42	\$1771.97	\$6135.45
1 / 2 / 2510.0000 - Accountancy 2510.1000 Fees paid to accountant	\$524.99		\$524.99
1 / 2 / 6001.1000 - Bank working account		\$378.06	(\$378.06)
1 / 2 / 6001.1100 - Bank savings account	\$260.59		\$260.59
1 / 2 / 6550.0000 - Plant and Equipment (WDV) 6550.3000 Plant and equipment 6550.3001 Plant and equipment depreciated to date	\$26833.00	\$12065.00	\$14768.00
<hr/>			
TRIAL BALANCE			
TOTAL DEBITS :	\$47873.66		
TOTAL CREDITS :	\$47873.66		
Trial Balance :	<u>\$0.00</u>		

Fig. 8Y

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Main Interface

General Journal Entry Form

Entry Details:

- Entry Date: 30/06/02
- Group Reason: Remove items from suspense
- No. New Entry ID: 37

Journal Details:

Debit	Credit	Entry // Account Description
\$102.52	\$0.00	DONT KNOW OR NOT LISTED PAYMENT
\$0.00	\$102.52	Fees paid to accountant

Credit Balance: \$102.52

Debit Balance: \$102.52

Journal Balance: \$0.00

Actions:

- Enter Journal Entries
- Delete Entry
- Edit Journal
- Close Journal

Feedback Status:

Everything Operational

Fig. 9A

General Journal Audit Report

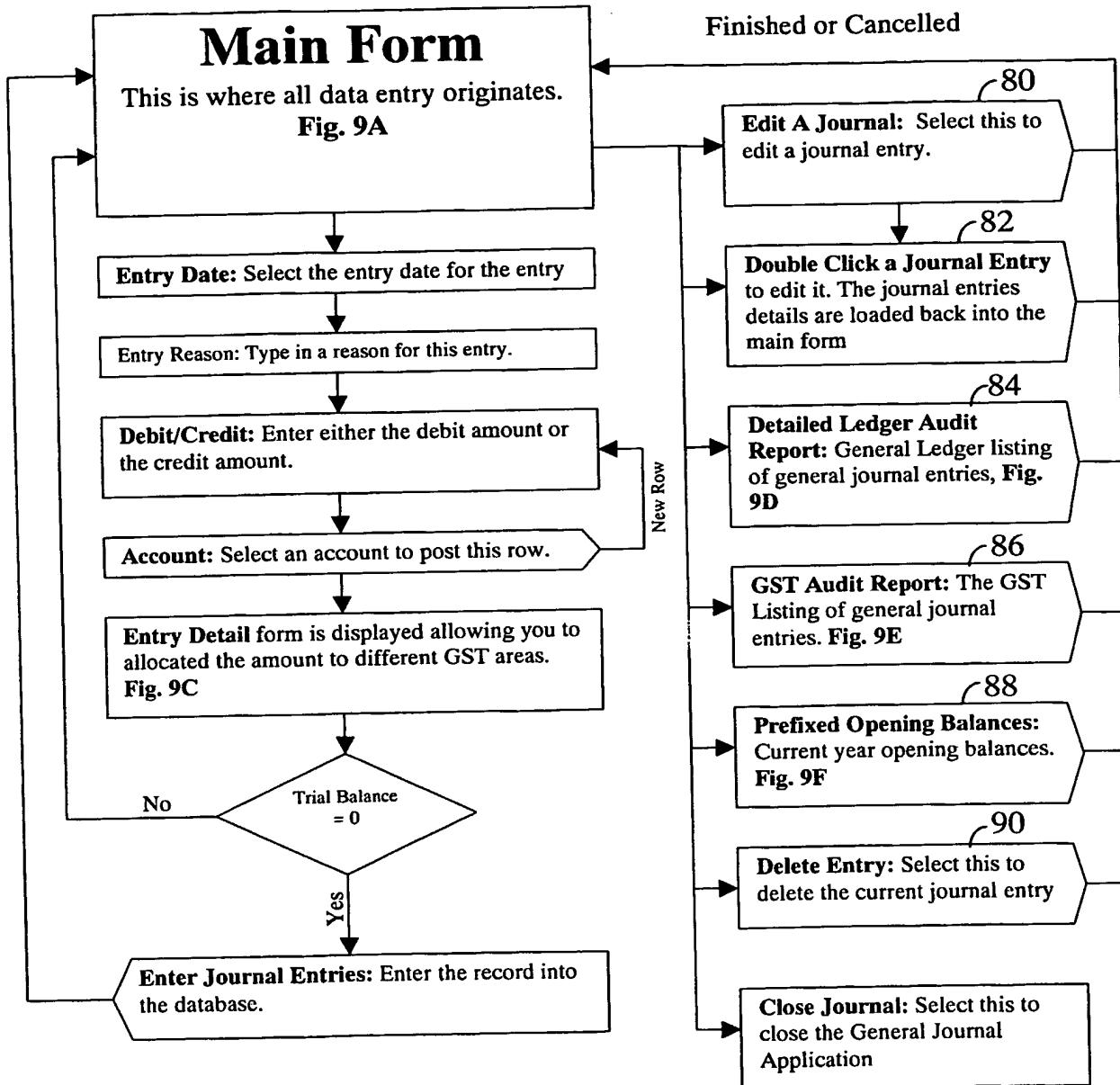
General Journal Audit Report
 Joe Blogg
 Listing Periods From July 2002 TO July 2003

Date	Record ID	Total Debits	Total Credits	Reference	Amount	GST Paid	GST Collected	GL Amount
Dr/Bkp Account								
01/07/02	10	\$27301.59	\$27301.59		\$266.59	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$266.59
	1/ 2	Opening Balance			\$26,033.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26,033.00
	1/ 2	Plant and equipment			\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
	1/ 2	Opening Balance			\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
	1/ 2	Plant and equipment depreciated to date			-\$12,056.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$12,056.00
	1/ 2	ESANDA HP S			-\$359.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$359.00
	1/ 2	Equity Opening Balance			-\$14,077.59	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$14,077.59
30/06/02	33	\$102.52	\$102.52	Remove items from suspense	\$102.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$102.52
	1/ 2	DONT KNOW OR NOT LISTED PAYMENT			-\$102.52	-\$9.32	\$0.00	-\$93.20
30/06/03	34	\$1286.00	\$1286.00	Depreciation	\$1,286.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,286.00
	1/ 2	Depreciation plant & equipment			-\$1,286.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$1,286.00
	1/ 2	Plant and equipment depreciated to date						
30/06/02	36	\$14779.52	\$14779.52	GST				
	1/ 1	GST Collected			\$0,152.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0,152.67
	2/ 1	GST Collected			\$0,617.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0,617.33
	1/ 2	GST Paid via Journal			\$9.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9.32
	1/ 1	GST Paid			-\$2,090.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$2,090.63
	2/ 1	GST Paid			-\$1,918.59	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$1,918.59
	1/ 2	ATD Payment			-\$4,204.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$4,204.00
	1/ 2	GST Paid			-\$113.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$113.44
	2/ 1	GST Prepaid			-\$6,452.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$6,452.86
		\$43469.63	\$43469.63		\$0.00	-\$9.32	\$0.00	\$9.32

Fig. 9D

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**Fig. 9B**

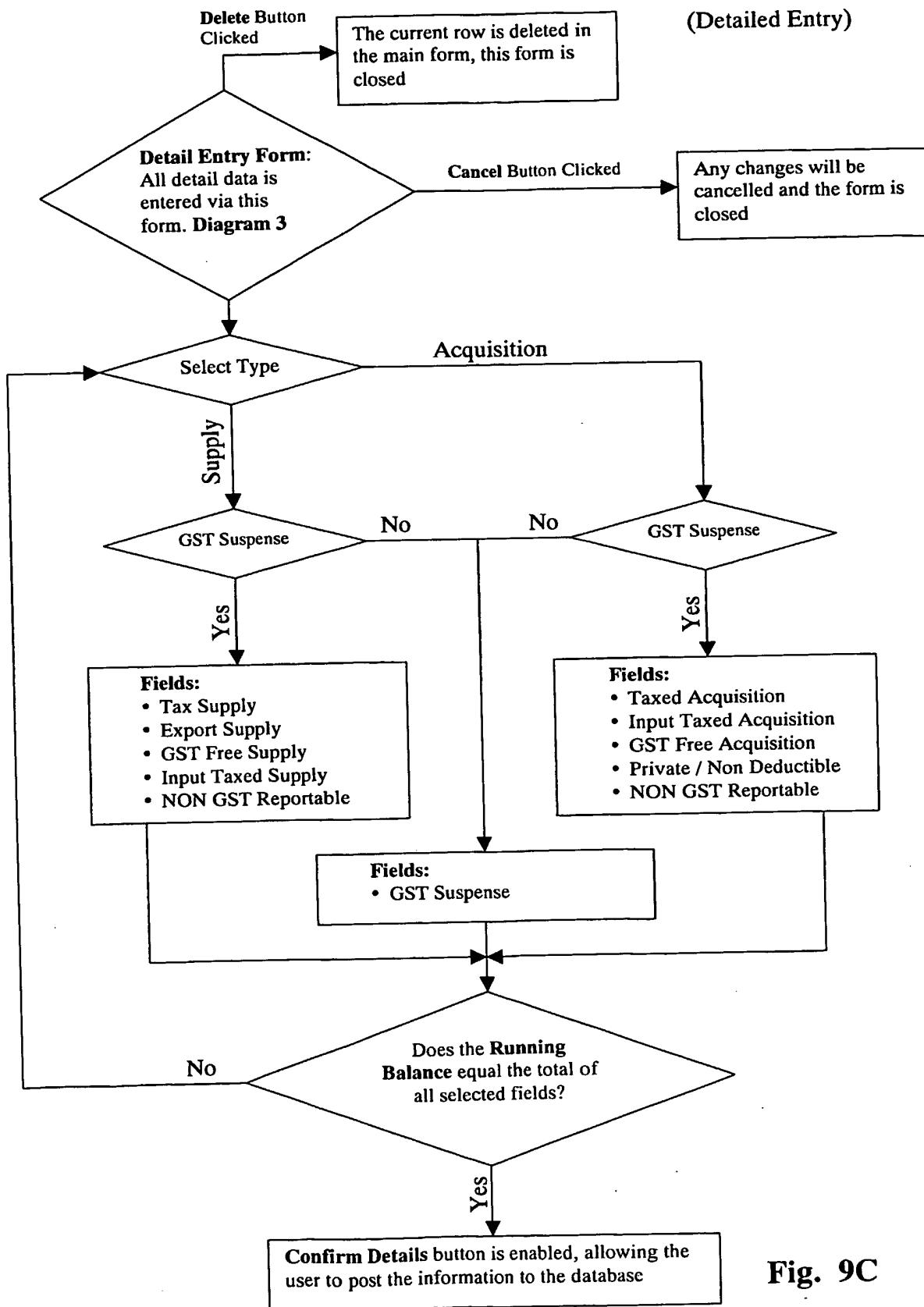


Fig. 9C

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General Journal GST Audit Report

Fig. 9E

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Prefixed Opening Balances Report**Joe Blogg****Prefixed Opening Balances**

Account ID	Account Description	Opening Balance
1 / 2 / 6001.1000	Bank working account GJ DEBIT Opening Balance	\$200.00
1 / 2 / 6001.1100	Bank savings account GJ DEBIT Opening Balance	\$268.59
1 / 2 / 6150.3000	Plant and equipment GJ DEBIT Plant and equipment	\$26833.00
1 / 2 / 6150.3001	Plant and equipment depreciated to date GJ CREDIT Plant and equipment depreciated to date	(\$12065.00)
1 / 2 / 7600.2000	ESANDA HP \$ GJ CREDIT ESANDA HP \$	(\$359.00)
1 / 2 / 8001.1000	Equity Opening Balance GJ CREDIT Equity Opening Balance	(\$14677.59)

Fig. 9F

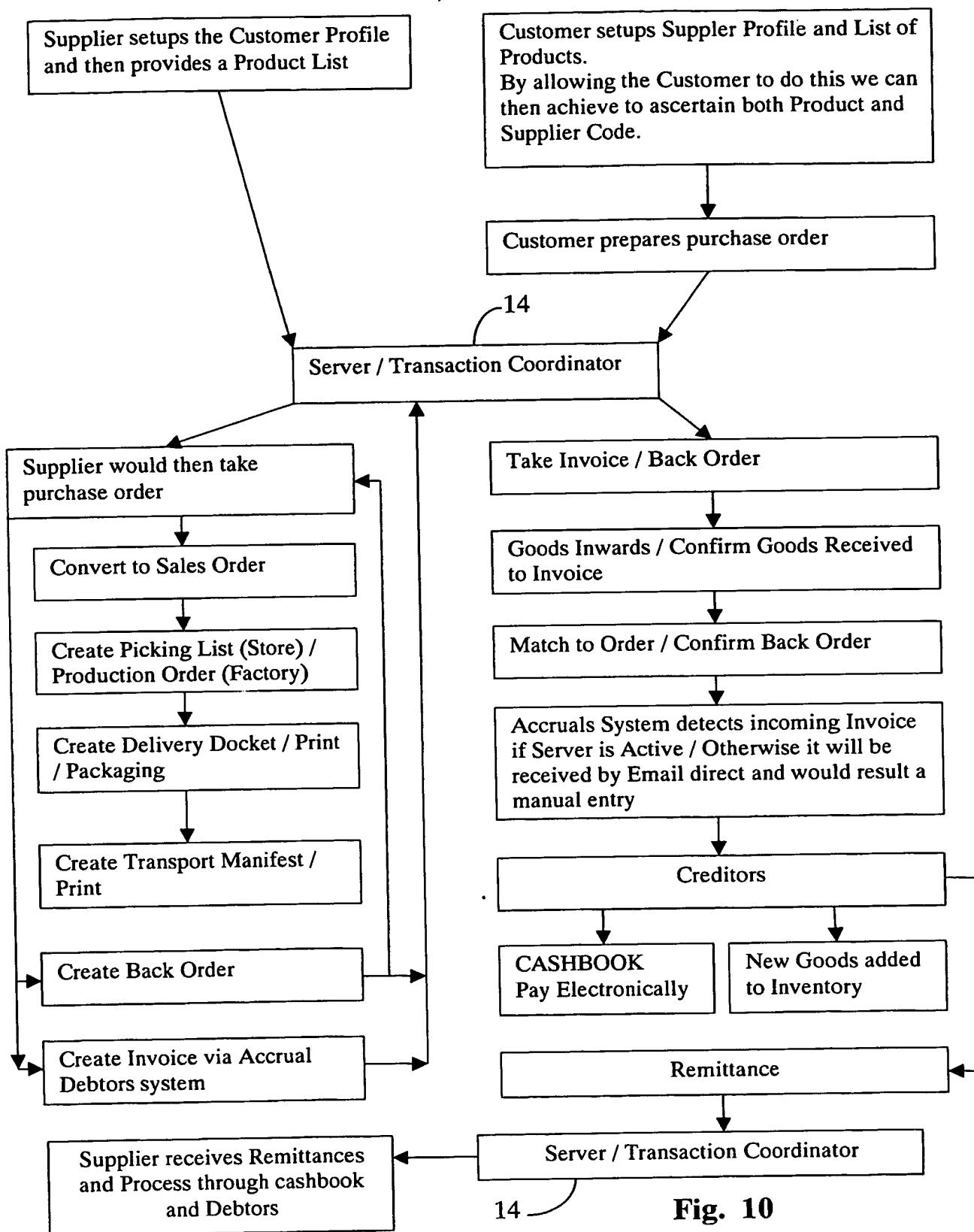
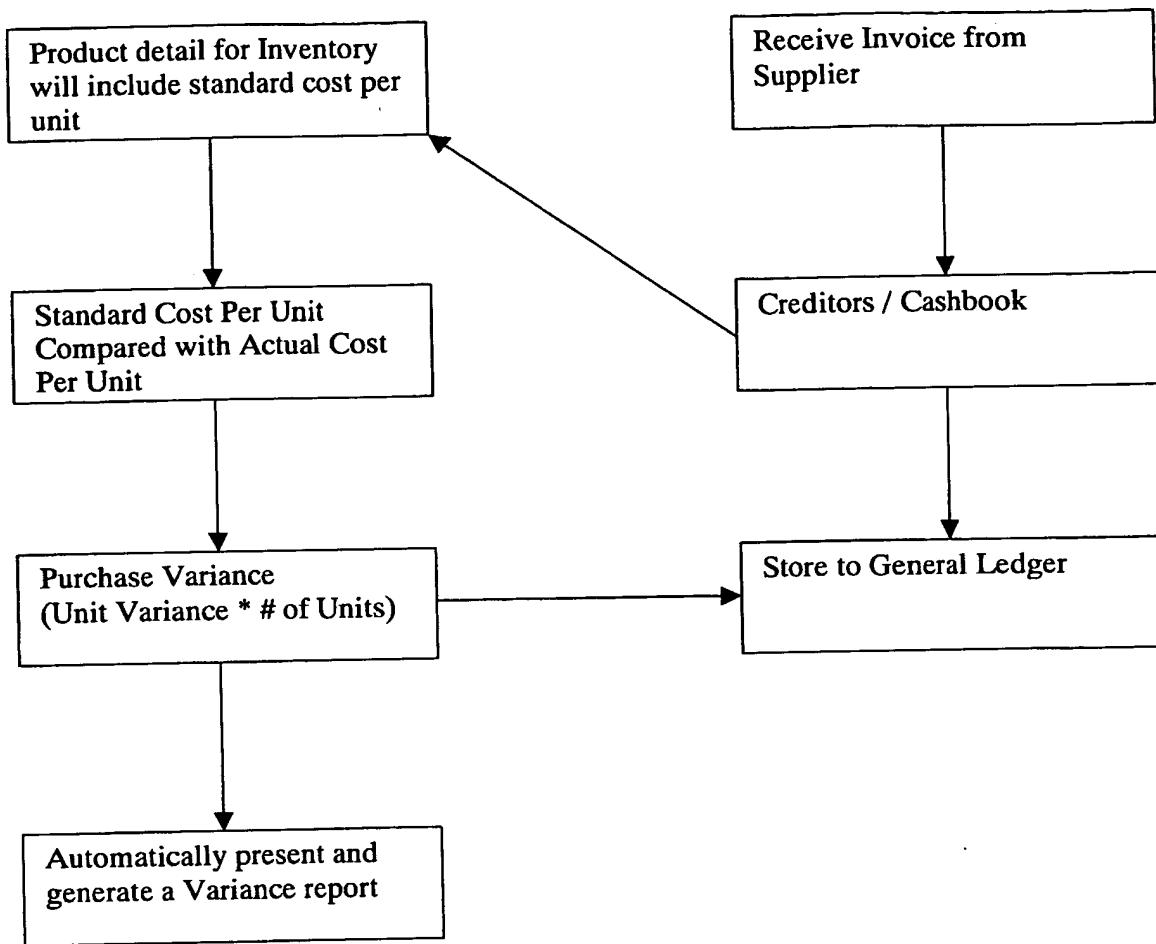


Fig. 10

SERVER INTERACTION PROCESS



STANDARD COST PROCESS

Fig. 10A

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System Overview

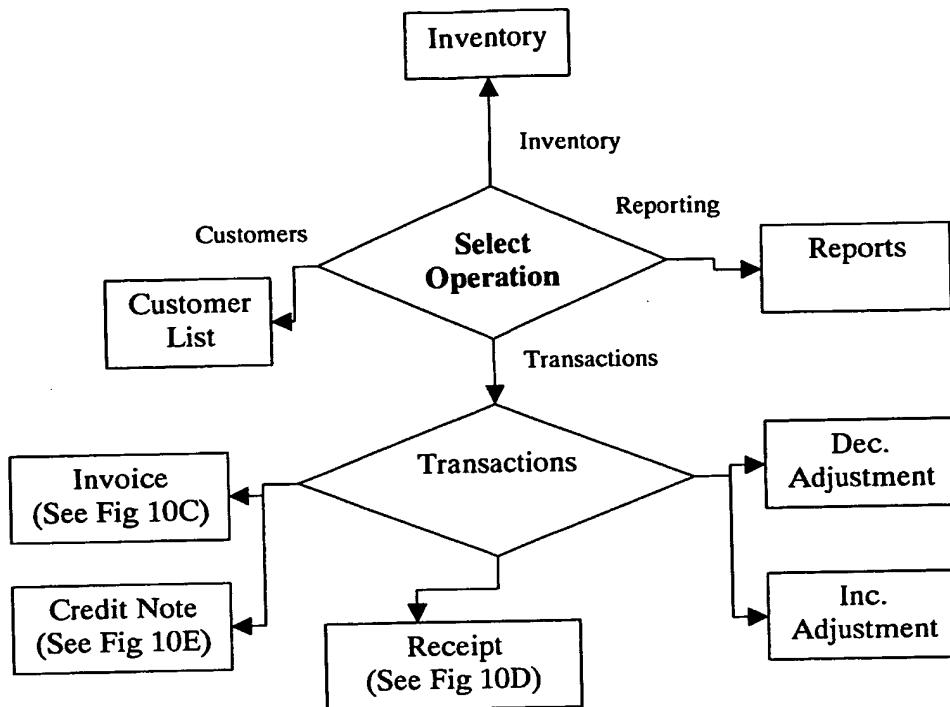


Fig. 10B

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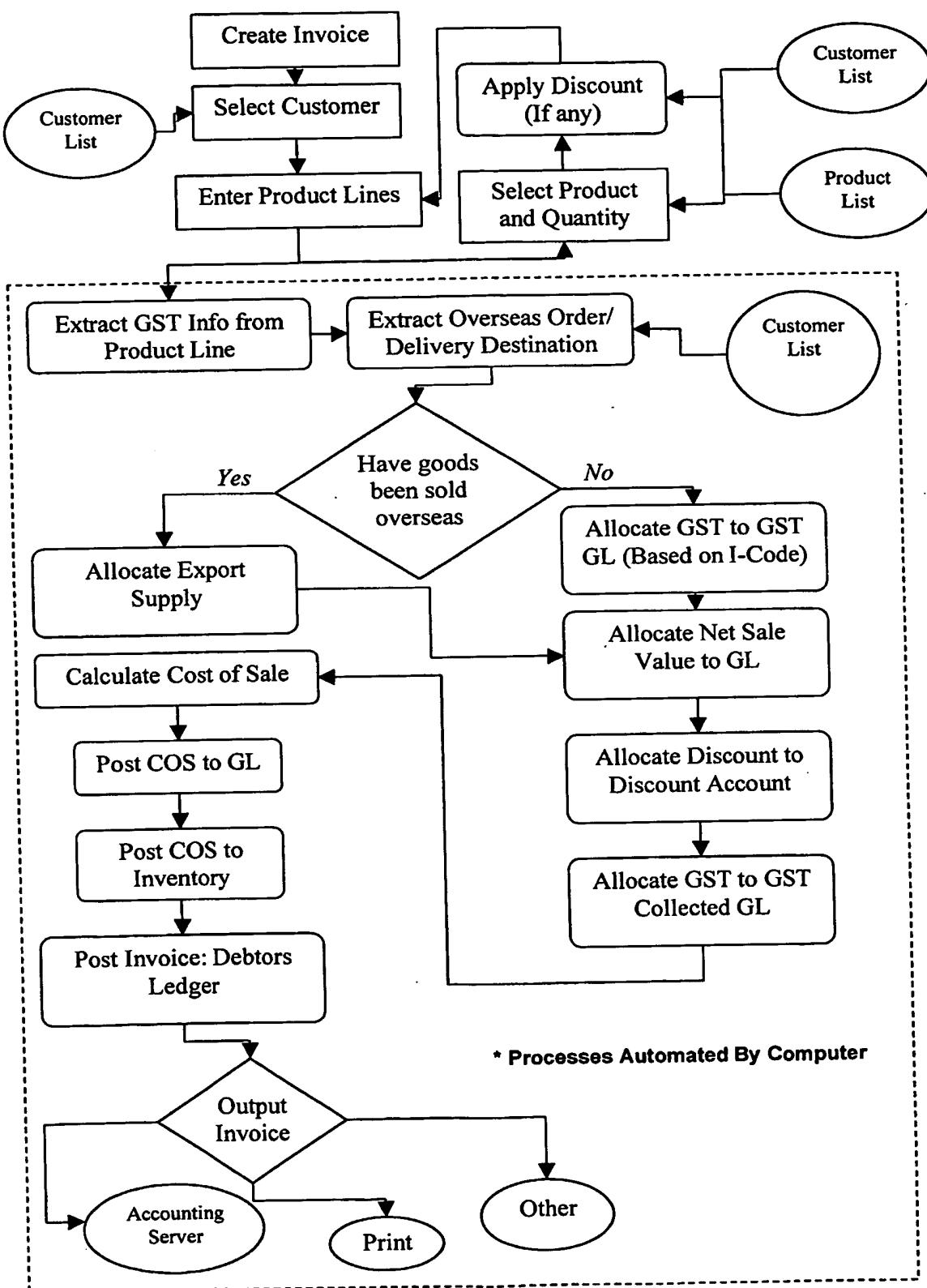
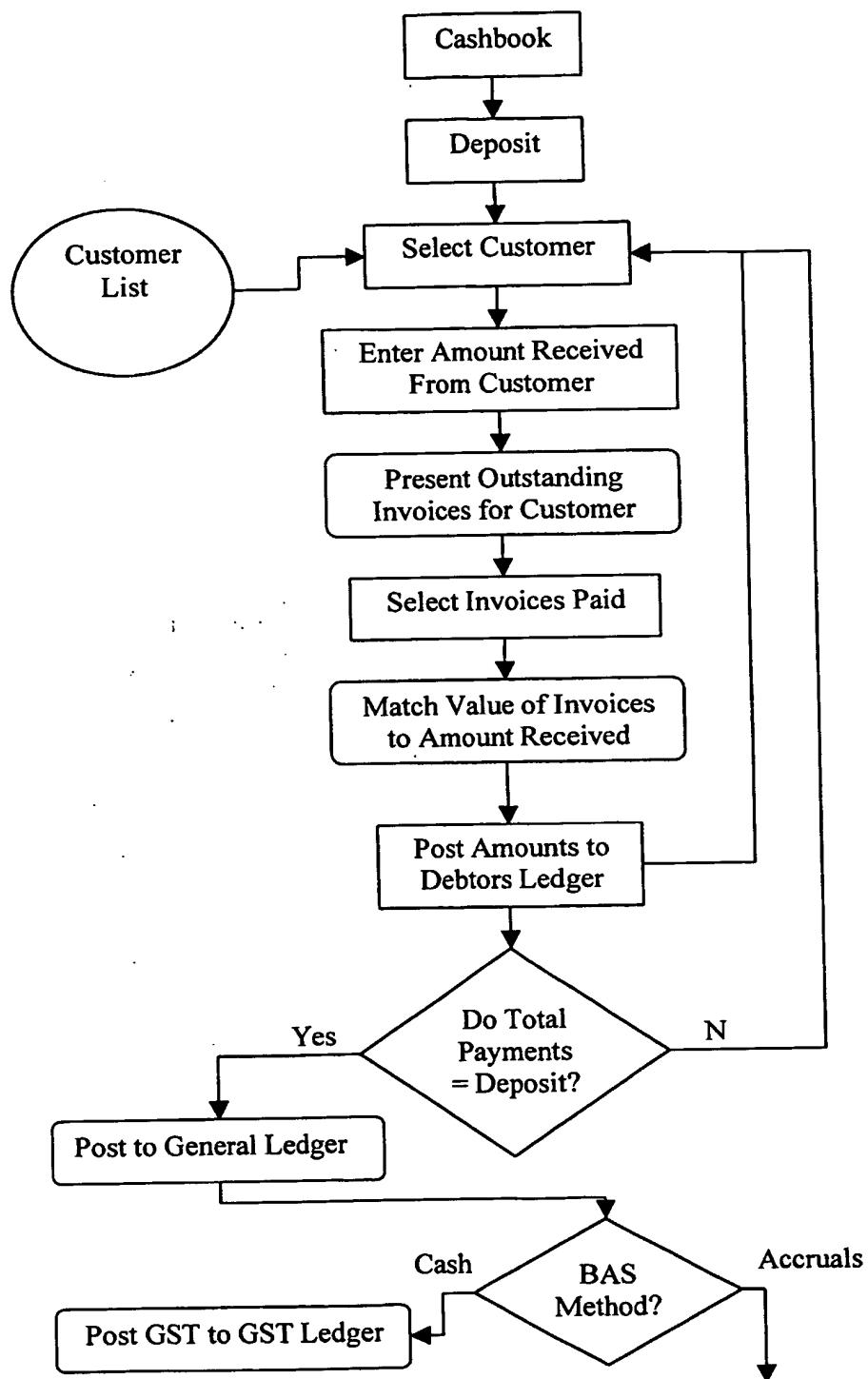
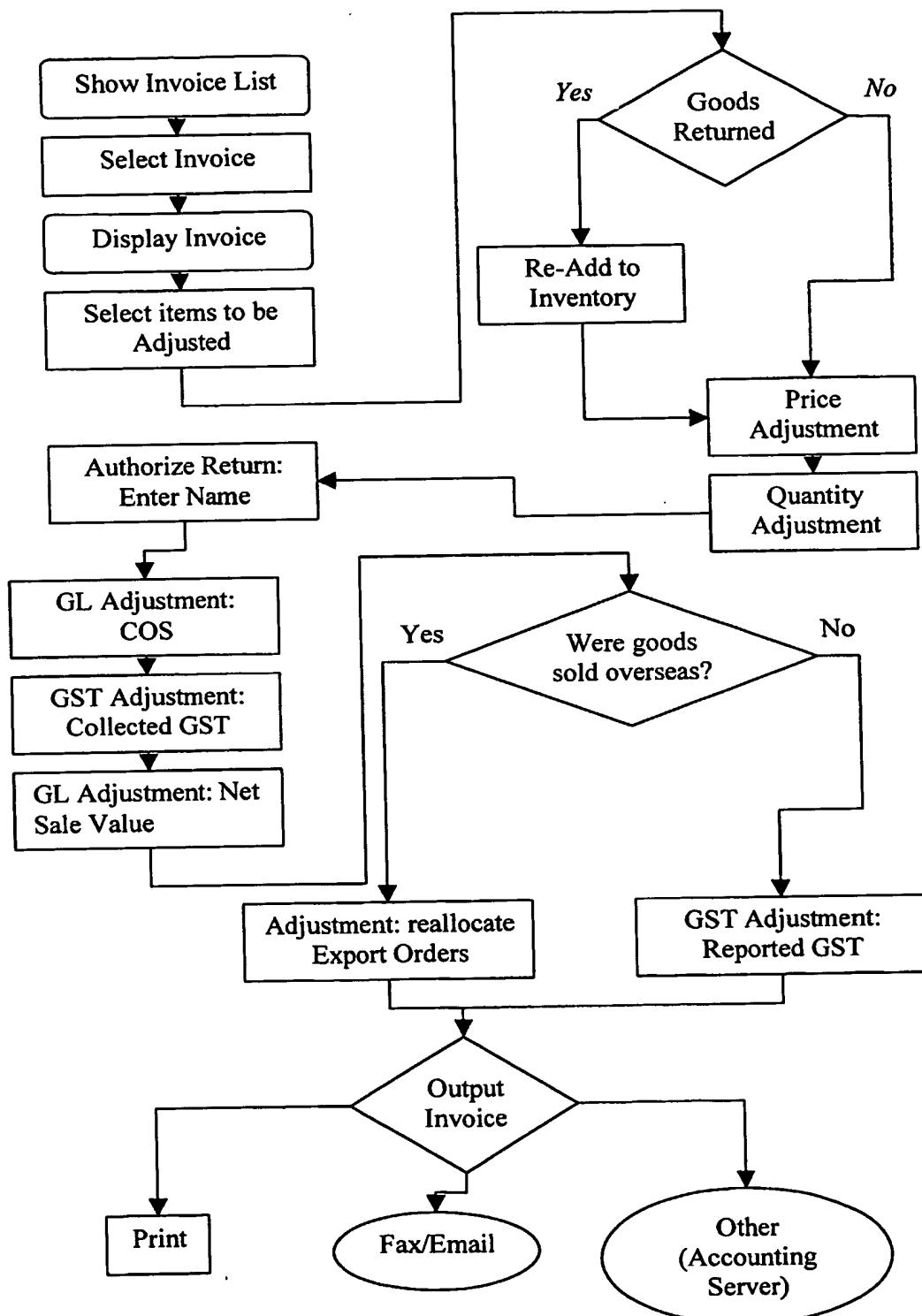
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Debtor Payment**Fig. 10D**

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Debtor Credit Note**Fig. 10E**

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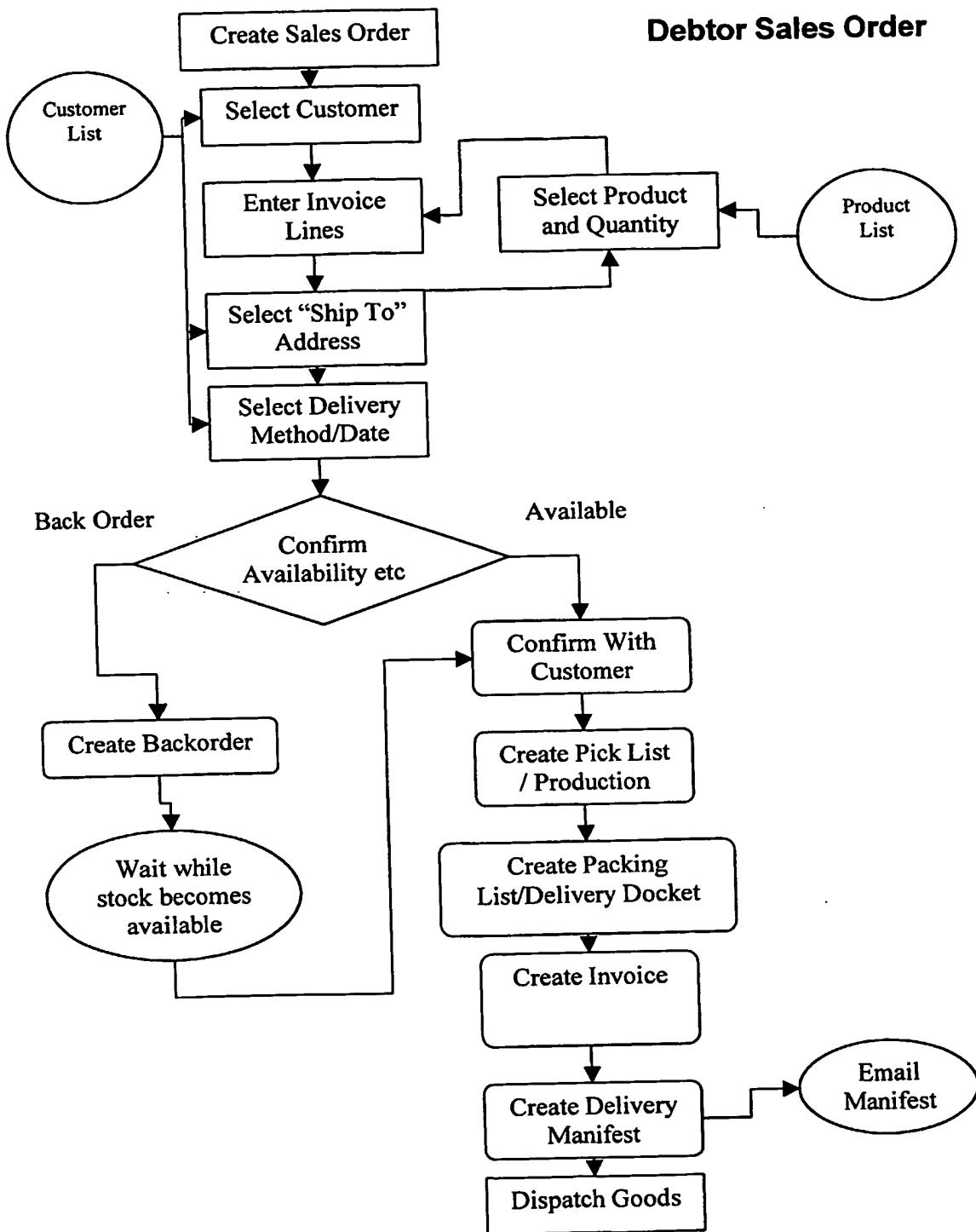
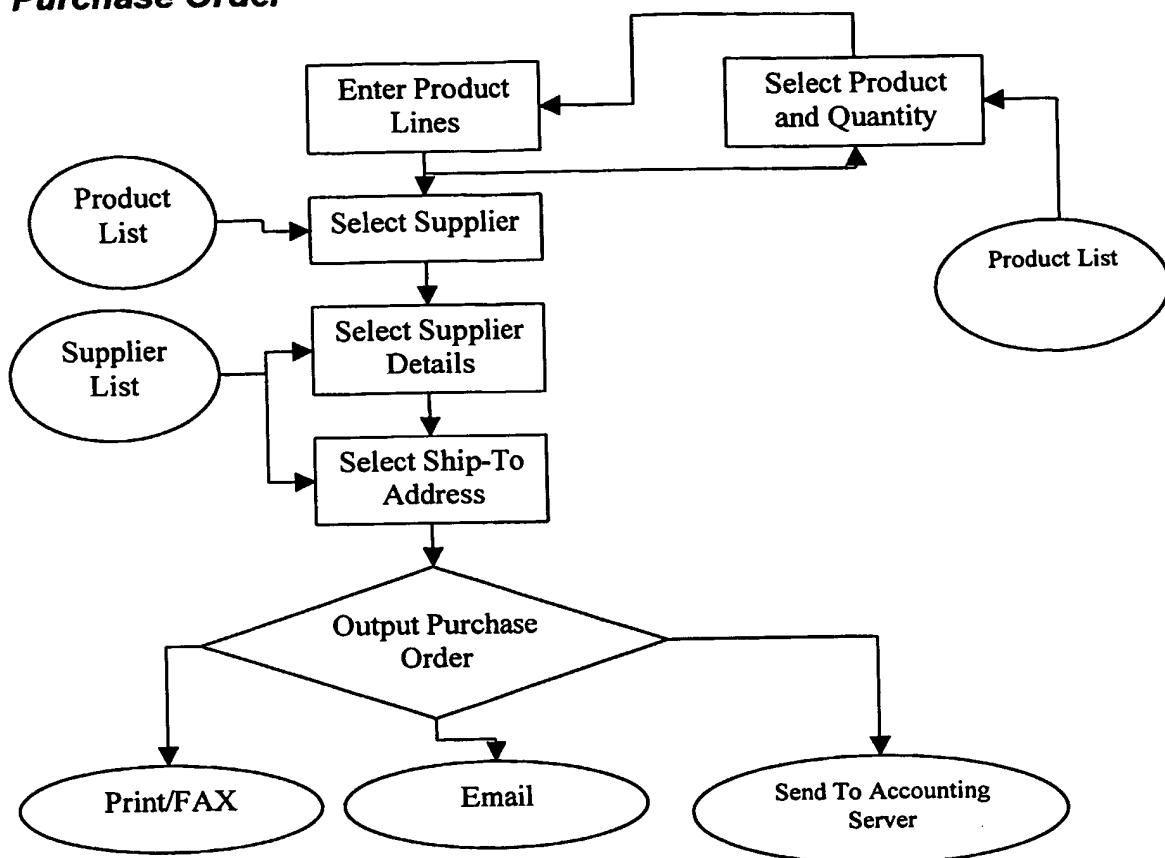
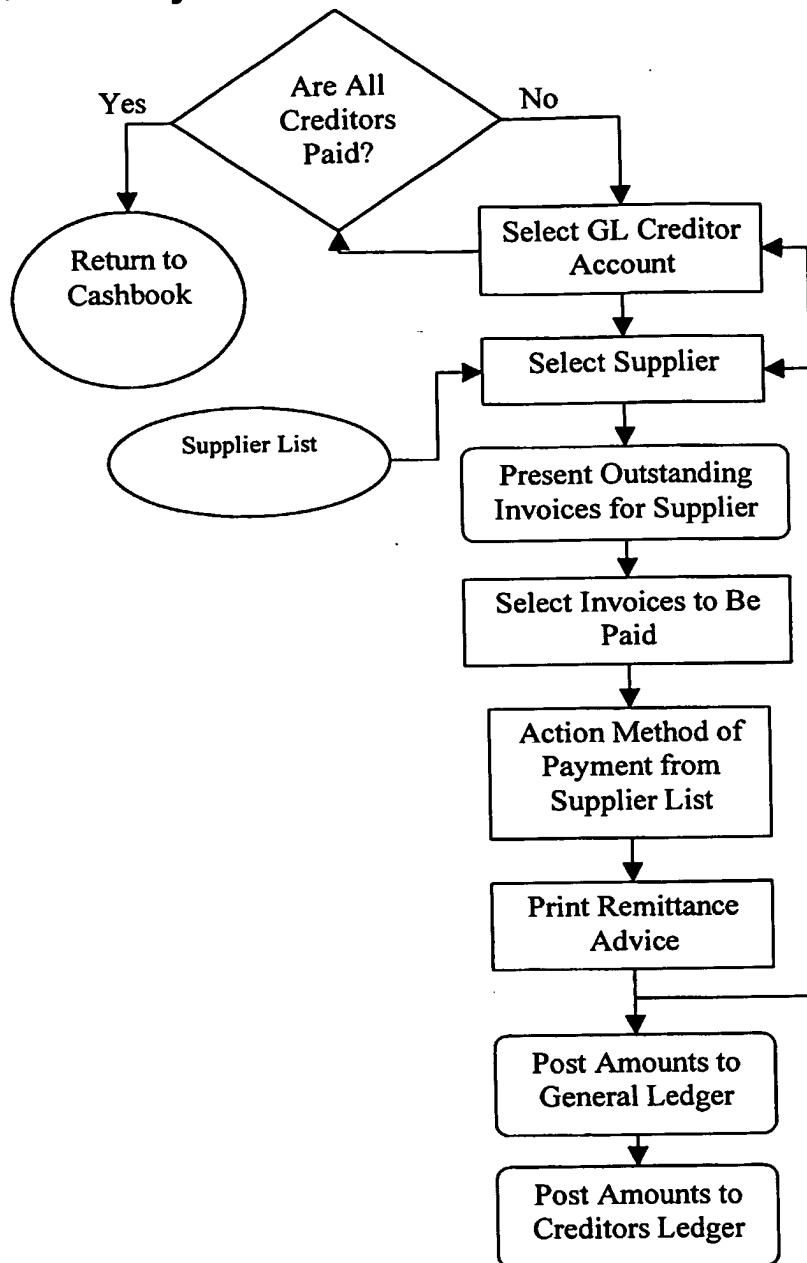


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Purchase Order**Fig. 10G**

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Creditor Payment**Fig. 10H**

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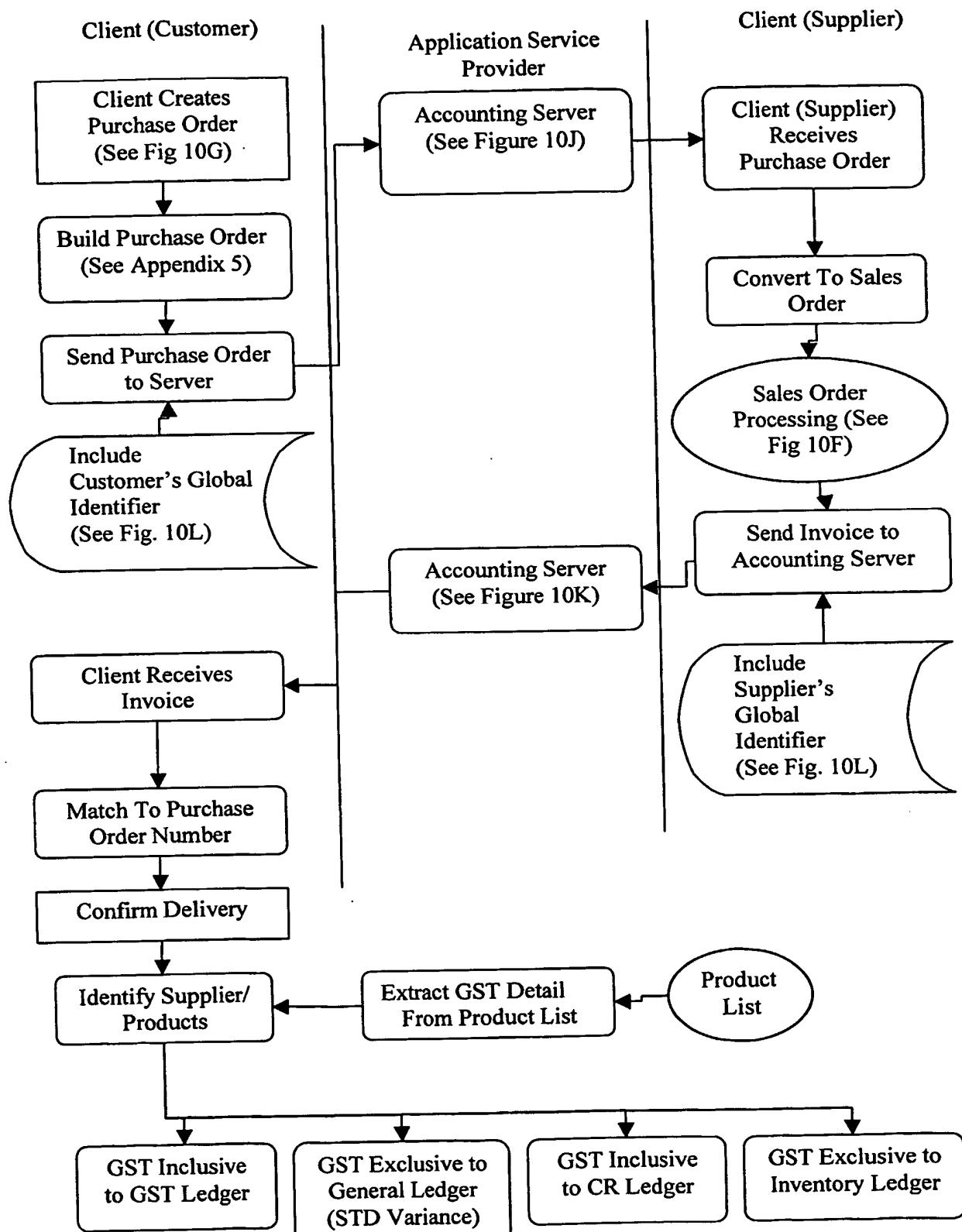
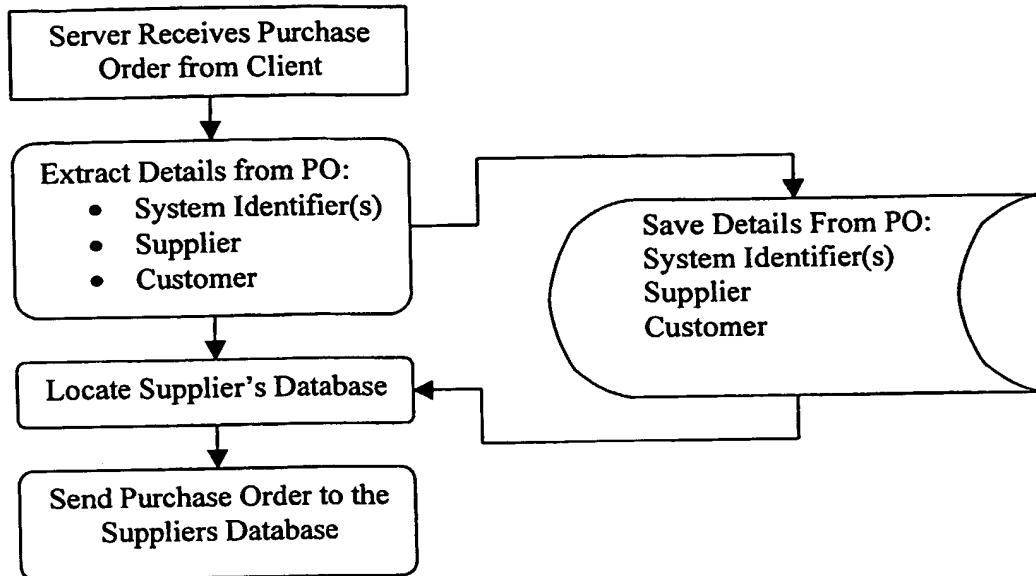
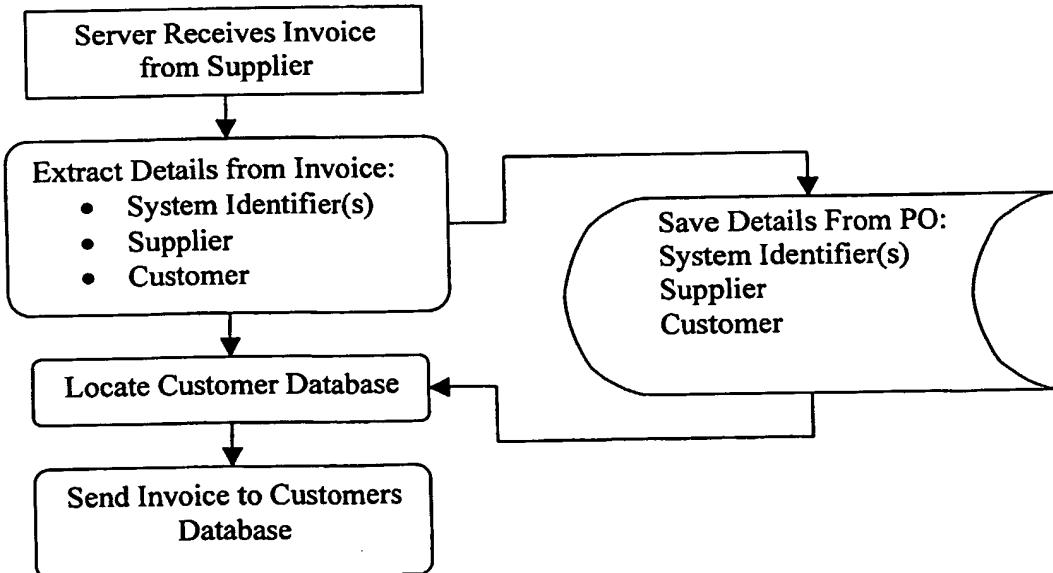
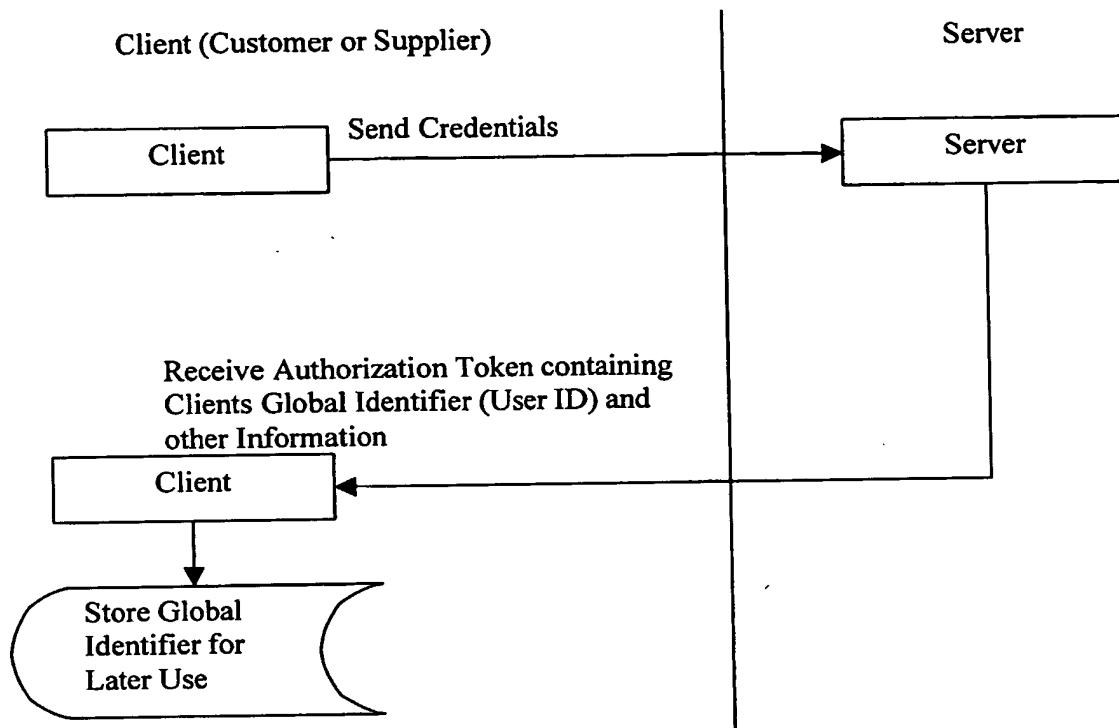
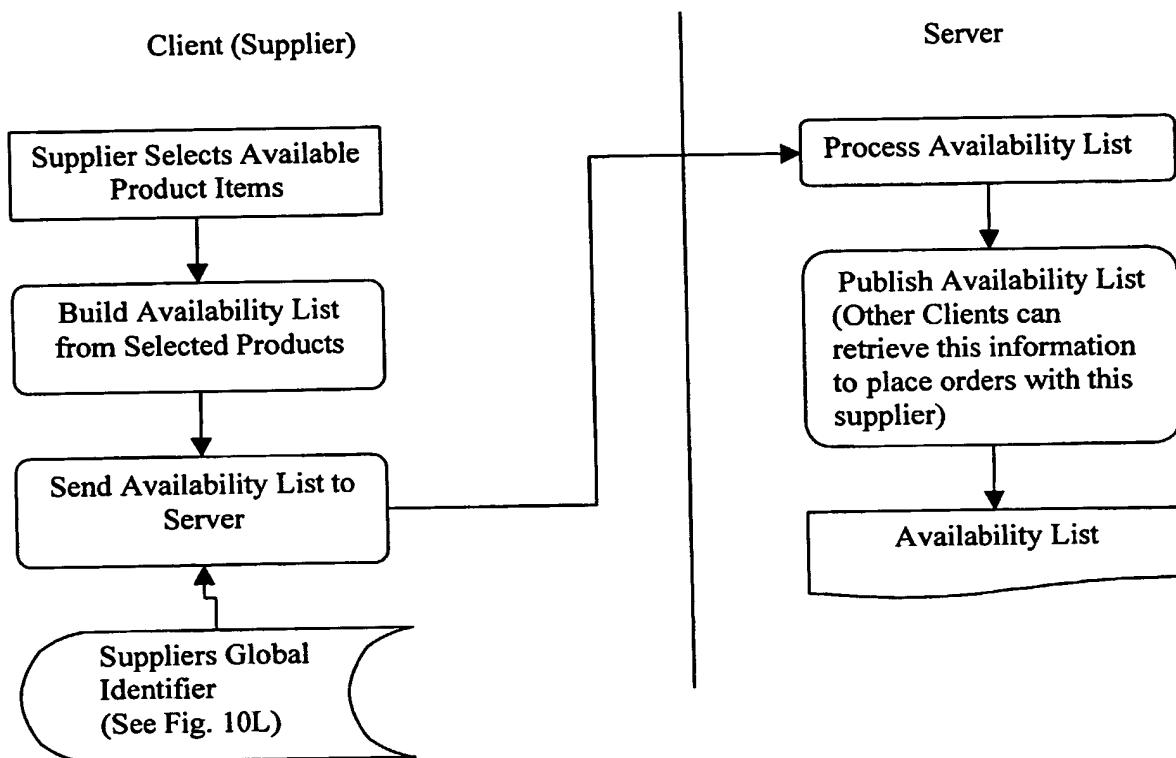


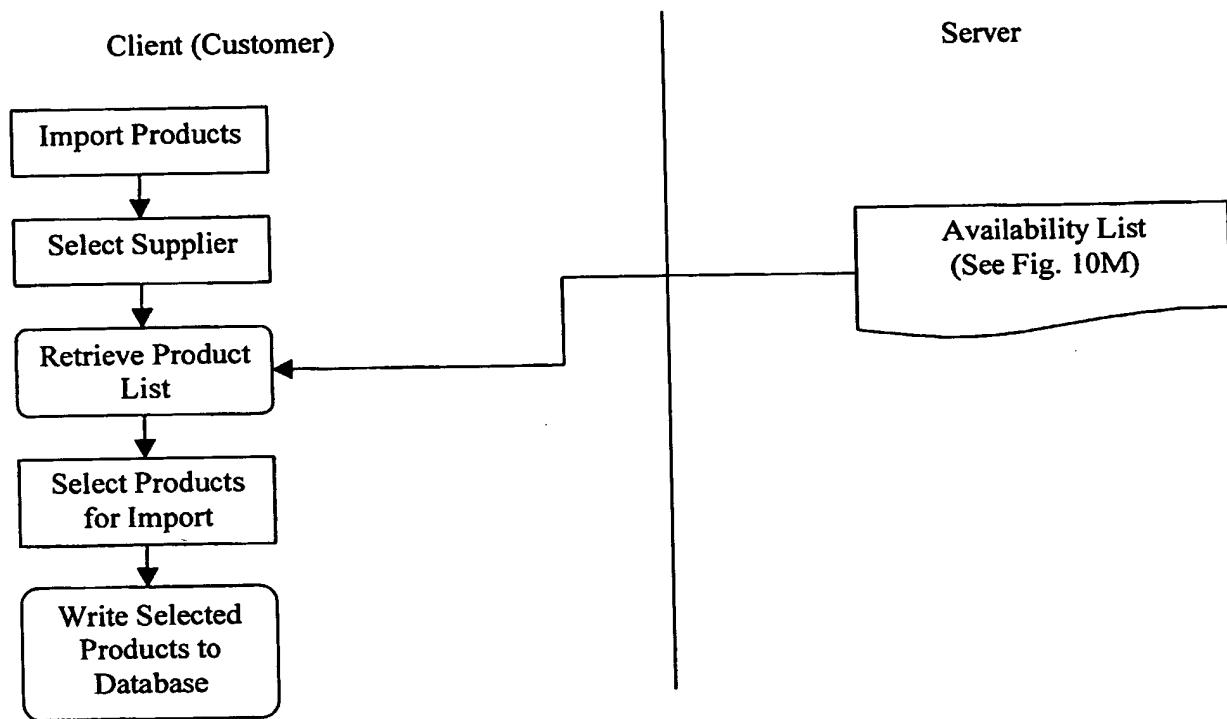
Fig. 10I

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Accounting Server – Purchase Order Processing**Fig. 10J****Accounting Server - Invoice Processing****Fig. 10K**

Client/Server Authentication Process**Fig. 10L**

Supplier Publishing Availability Information onto the Accounting Server**Fig. 10M**

Client Retrieving Published Availability Information from the Accounting Server**Fig. 10N**

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1. Claims Nos :
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

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3. Claims Nos :
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Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

The international application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention because it does not relate to one invention or to a group of inventions so linked as to form a single general inventive concept.

The feature common to all of the independent claims (both claims 1 and 3) is an accounting system that includes transaction entry means for entering transaction records. However this common feature is generic in the art. Consequently the common feature does not constitute "a special technical feature" within the meaning of PCT Rule 13.2, second sentence, since it makes no contribution over the prior art. Since there exists no other common features which can be considered as a special technical feature within the meaning of PCT Rule 13.2, second sentence, no technical relationship within the meaning of PCT Rule 13 between the different inventions can be seen. Consequently it appears that *a posteriori*, the claims do not satisfy the requirement of unity of invention.

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